

THE CLASSICS | Week 1

David & Goliath

- The Classics
 - To look at the classic stories of scripture and see how they affect our lives today.
 - However, we must read scripture with the mindset that it's about Jesus not me.
- The first classic we'll look at is David vs. Goliath.
- 1 Samuel 17
 - Philistines at war with Israel.
 - Armies would line up and many times they would go best on best.
 - Troy scene
 - Valley of Elah
- 4-11
 - Six cubits = 9 feet
 - Coat, 5000 shekels = 121 lbs.
 - Spearhead, 6600 shekels = 14.5 lbs.
- 17-18
- 23
- 26
- 33-37
- 38-51
- So how should this story impact our lives today?
- How many of you would like to be David in this story?

1. Don't try to be David.
 - a. If we try to be David, it is about what we can do, how we fight our battles.
 - b. Yes, we're supposed to fight and attack, but we cannot take the lead ourselves. If we do, we will come up short.
2. Let David/Jesus fight our Goliath/Battle.
 - a. Jesus must be our champion. He must be the one we allow to take charge. If not, we try to steal glory. Jesus is our champion through the cross, He must be our leader.
3. Give Jesus permission to fight, not a box to fight in, 37b-39.
 - a. In this story, we are more like Saul than David.
 - b. Saul gave permission for David to go and fight, but then he tried to put him in his armor because that's what Saul's brain was telling him that David needed in order to win.
 - c. David knew however that his strength was not in the armor or the normal way, but his strength came from God.
 - d. How many times do we do this to Jesus?
 - i. We give Him permission to fight but only a certain way, only on certain things.
 - ii. Example, God I want you to reach my school, but I don't want to change what I'm doing
 - iii. God make me more like you, but I don't really want to work for it
 - iv. Boxing up God with our mind? Why does he have to work that way?
 - v. This is the God that made the Sun stand still, that withheld rain for 3 years, had the walls of Jericho fall by the Israelites walking around them.

4. Do it again, 34-37
 - a. David knew that he could do it again because God was on his side.
 - b. He had seen how God had done it before and trusted that God would continue to give him strength.
 - c.

Discussion Questions:

1. What Giant in your life do you need to allow Jesus to fight for you?
2. What walls in your life need to come down and you just need to trust that God will do it again?