

## **Sermon Notes – 1 Samuel 17 – David and Goliath**

### **A Monster at the Door – Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11**

There are times in our lives, when the enemy is at the door, and life can not continue on until we answer the door. The enemy is monstrous. He is sitting outside our door. We cannot leave.

### **A Glimmer of Imagination – Read 1 Samuel 17:12-25**

There is something about this weak imaginative talk that sparks something in David. Someone who has God's heart sees that even though a monster sits at our door, the Kingdom of God is right around the corner, and the Kingdom of God is so bright and clear that this monster now seems insignificant.

### **Family Discouragement – Read 1 Samuel 17:26-30**

David doesn't listen. David goes on to stir up some real imagination. What would it be like if a man were to actually go down there and slay that monster? The men see something in David they haven't seen in themselves. They see a bit of hope.

### **You Were Created For Hope – Read 1 Samuel 17:31-37**

David isn't drawing a picture out of thin air. David is looking back over his life and he's claiming that he has had other victories in his life.

If you dare to believe in a God, and dare to believe in His Kingdom, and dare to suggest that this Kingdom might be nearer than it at first appeared, then you might even dare to believe that you aren't some mistake that showed up by accident. But instead God created you with more strength than you knew and that you are exactly the right person to step in and slay this monster and release the entire community to live more fully in the promised Kingdom!

### **Not the Usual Path – Read 1 Samuel 17:38-40**

In the Kingdom of God, you can't fight a monster the way frightened people would fight a monster. You have to find a different approach.

### **Two Possible Futures – Read 1 Samuel 17:41-47**

Goliath and David repaint their pictures. One of doom. One of glory -- God's glory. It is important that God be at the center of your preferred future.

### **The Battle is Brief – Read 1 Samuel 17:48-49**

Two verses. David doesn't retreat. He attacks. He takes out a stone and shoots. Goliath is dead. No drama. No question.

### **A New Good Future – Read 1 Samuel 17:50-54**

**What is the monster in your life?** Where does it live? At your house, at your work, at your school? In your heart? In your mind? The monster is what is blocking you from having the life you long to live. The monster is what is blocking you from being successful in what you are attempting to do.

**If there were no monster, what would your situation look like?** This takes your situation from being what you want, to what would truly be good, not just for you but for the community as a whole.

**What in your past that makes you think you might just be able to go up against this monster?** This may be the toughest part for you – to actually count yourself a success in some area. You may have to ask a friend.

**Ask God, “How does my approach need to change as I step up against this monster?”** What did He say?