



## Young David and the GIANT

**We** are very familiar with the story of David and Goliath. We know how David fearlessly fought Goliath with just a sling and five stones. But from young David there are still many things that we can learn and apply in our daily lives.

Our study starts from I Samuel 17:15 where we see young David tending to his father's sheep in Bethlehem. The Israelites were ragging war with the Philistines. When his father called him to bring food rations to his brothers at the camp, he willingly obeyed without any questions. He rose up early and made sure that his sheep caring job is handed properly to a keeper (v20). Here we see David portraying the characteristics of **Obedience** and **Responsibility**.

As we next see him at the camp, we see a David who showed righteous anger towards Goliath who dared to defy God's people. He sized up the battle and saw that Goliath was reviling God. While the soldiers were fearful and saw Goliath as a big physical battle, David recognises it as a **spiritual battle** (v 26). Today, as we face the many trials and temptations, we are often baffled and despaired because we see it as an insurmountable physical problem. However, we are actually fighting a spiritual battle. Ephesians 6:12 says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places". The Israelite armies were fearful and they had no thought that the LORD could deliver them. This is a very faithless attitude which we adopt most times. This attitude shows that we doubt how God can work miraculously through the many problems we face everyday. Pastor once mentioned in a sermon how we approach God most times with the statement, "Oh God, we have a Big Problem". The right attitude is to look at the problem and say, "Problem, I have got a BIG

GOD!"

Next when David went before Saul, he was able to encourage the king not to despair (v 32) but to be confident in the workings of the LORD. Here David was an **encourager**.

As David explains why he was confident of going to battle, he showed confidence not in his own ability of killing the lion or bear but in the LORD. He **recognised the hand of the LORD** had delivered him from the animals and he acknowledged to Saul that the LORD will also deliver him (David) from the enemies (v 34-37).

After convincing Saul to allow him to go to battle, David then went to pick his weapons. Here we see the young man **knowing what he was skilful at**. He was not ashamed of his simple sling and stones. He was confident of his skills as he must have practised with it since he was a young boy. Here we see the lesson that if we are **faithful in doing what we are called to do**, one day, God would use our small talents to work miracles. No one at that time would have thought of using a slingshot to defeat a giant like Goliath. But God use David and his 'unprofessional' weapon to defeat an entire army. This is a lesson to us not to despise any talent God has given us. Each of us is a lively stone (I Peter 2:5) of the spiritual house which is the body of Christ and everyone has his unique place.

When David came face to face with Goliath, he faced the giant **fearlessly** despite the jeers from the enemy. David was **confident** that the battle is of the LORD's and he spoke to Goliath without wavering in his faith on God (v 45-47). When we faced our daily battles with the evil one, are we as confident as young David?

From this short passage, we can see that young

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David was faithful with the simple skills he learnt as a shepherd. He was proficient in his shepherding skills, protecting his flock of sheep. And God used David's skills to win the battle. In addition, we see that David is also proficient in spiritual things so that he was able to discern the spiritual battle the Israelites were in. He was also confident of God's faithfulness to bring to pass His Word "that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel".

In application to our lives, are we able to emulate the young David? When the roaring lion attempts to devour us, are we confident in God that He will see us through? Are we able to use God's word on the offensive to the devil? Or will we be rooted immobilised by the evil one, unable to fend him off?

David was a young man at that time, but he possessed such faith and spiritual discernment which we all should possess. We need not be an old person to be wise. The Apostle Paul exhorted young Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12).

So let us strive to be spiritually discerned of all things. Let us daily engaged ourselves in prayer and in the reading of God's Word. Let us be trained daily to be a soldier of Christ so that we will be ready at all times with the armour of God (Ephesians 6:14-18) to fight the spiritual battle against the devil.

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DEPARTMENT	LOCATION		
<b>PRIMARY</b>	All classes (except Pre-N) gathers at Greek & Hebrew Classroom 2 for singspiration first		
Pre Nursery	FEK 1		
Nursery + K1	FEK 3		
K2	FEK 4		
P1 + P2	Greek & Hebrew Classroom 2		
<b>JUNIOR</b>		<b>SENIORS</b>	
P3 Mixed	2nd Parsonage Hall	1B	FEK Office
P4 Boys	FEK Kitchen	1G	Tape Library
P5 Boys	2nd Parsonage Library 1	2B	Bell Tower
P4 & P5 Girls	2nd Parsonage Library 2	2G1	Church Office
P6 Mixed	FEBC Library	2G2	Ladies Dorm Kitchen
		NS 2	FEBC Dormitory Corridor
		3B/NS 1	Reference Library 1
		3G	Greek+Hebrew Classroom 1
<b>YOUNG TEENS</b>		<b>ADULTS</b>	
Sec 1 Boys	Jerusalem Court	Class 1	Main Sanctuary
Sec 1 Girls (A)	Reference Library 2	Class 2	Sharon Church Office
Sec 1 Girls (B)	MF Room	Class 3	Balcony
Sec 2 Boys	Cry Room (Main Hall)	Class 4	Piano Room
Sec 2 Girls	MIS Office	Class 5	Red Porch
Sec 3 Mixed	FEK Classroom 2	Class 6	2nd Parsonage Kitchen
Sec 4 Boys	Korean Office		
Sec 4 Girls	Internet Room		

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