

David the Winner - Part 1

I Am David - Lessons in Greatness - Week 7

I Samuel 17:3-11 The Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them....⁸ Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites....“I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me!⁹ If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves!¹⁰ I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!”¹¹ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

1 Samuel 17:26-27 David asked, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?”

1 Samuel 17: 31-36³⁴ But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock,³⁵ I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death.³⁶ I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God!³⁷ The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

1 Samuel 17:45-47 David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.⁴⁶ Today the Lord will conquer you, ... and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!⁴⁷ Everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!”

Three Facts about David and Goliath

I. The secret of David’s victory wasn’t in how he _____; it was in how he _____.

II. _____ Israelite soldier could have done what David did if they _____ the _____ David thought.

III. David’s victory over Goliath began a season of _____ - _____ in Israel. As David became a leader, other Israelite warriors began to _____ the way he thought.

Truth # 5

Great people think in a positive, _____ - _____ manner, regardless of life’s circumstances.

Four Elements of Great Thinking

I. _____ Thinking - I Samuel 17:25-27

A. Reward-oriented thinking

Hebrews 11:6 It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

B. Two elements of faith-thinking

1. _____ - _____ - He is; He exists.

1 Samuel 17:26 David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel?”

Hebrews 13:5b-6 God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”⁶ So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”

2. _____ . He is a rewarder

C. Fear thinking vs. faith thinking

1. _____ of God’s presence

2. _____ on the risk.

3. Outcome: Paralysis and _____.

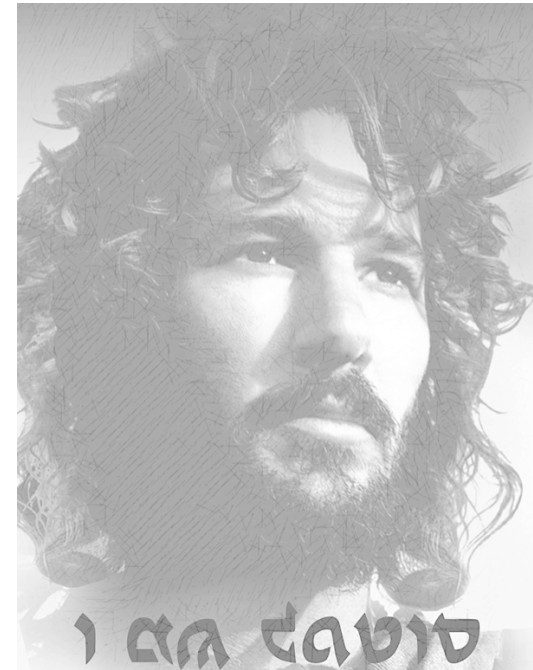
*In every _____, God _____ faith actions.

Hebrews 10:35 Do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great **reward** it brings you!

1 Peter 1:9 The **reward** for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

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<i>I Am David - Truths about Greatness</i>	
David the Warrior	Greatness comes from the battlefield
David: Warrior 2	Great people own mistakes, becoming greater through them
David the Worshiper	David was the most expressive, extravagant king in his love for God.
David: Worshiper 2	Worship manifests God's presence and power in our lives.
David: Wounded Son	While David is a man after God's heart, he is a terrible father.
David: Wounded Son	Great people rise above their past pain to reach their God-given destiny.
David the Winner	Anyone could do what David did, if they thought like David thought.
David the Winner 2	David's secret to victory was not in how he fought; it was how he thought.
David: Waiting King 1	Great people are exalted by God when they humble themselves under God's direct and delegated authority.
David: Waiting King 2	Four Tests of Submission to Authority
David: Whisper of Pride	David actions revealed arrogance and a break from trust and loyalty to God.
I Am David - Finale	Eight Truths about Greatness



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