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LESSON 7

"THE GIANT WHO BRAGGED TOO SOON"

THE PHILISTINES WERE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. WHEN DAVID WAS A YOUNG MAN, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WERE FIGHTING A WAR AGAINST THE PHILISTINES.

THE <sup>ARMY</sup> OF ISRAEL WAS GATHERED TOGETHER ON ONE MOUNTAIN AND THE ARMY OF THE PHILISTINES WAS GATHERED TOGETHER ON THE NEXT MOUNTAIN; AND THERE WAS A BIG VALLEY BETWEEN THE TWO ARMIES.

THE BRAVEST SOLDIER IN THE ARMY OF THE PHILISTINES WAS GOLIATH, A HUGE MAN (ALMOST 10 FEET TALL)! HE WAS SO BIG THAT HIS SOLDIER'S UNIFORM AND HIS SPEAR WERE MUCH BIGGER THAN ANY OTHER SOLDIER'S UNIFORM AND SPEAR.

GOLIATH THOUGHT HE WAS THE BEST SOLDIER OF ALL. GOLIATH DID NOT THINK ANY OTHER SOLDIER COULD EVER WIN IN A BATTLE WITH HIM.

GOLIATH TOLD THE ARMY OF ISRAEL, "CHOOSE ONE OF YOUR SOLDIERS AND SEND HIM DOWN TO FIGHT ME. IF YOUR SOLDIER WINS THE BATTLE AND KILLS ME, THEN THE PHILISTINES WILL BE YOUR SERVANTS; BUT IF I WIN THE BATTLE AND KILL YOUR SOLDIER, THEN YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE SERVANTS OF OURS."

THEN GOLIATH SAID, "I DARE YOUR ARMY TO SEND A MAN TO FIGHT ME."

WHEN SAUL AND THE ARMY OF ISRAEL HEARD WHAT GOLIATH SAID THEY WERE ALL SO SCARED. (NO ONE HAD ENOUGH COURAGE TO GO OUT AND FIGHT GOLIATH!)

NOW THREE OF DAVID'S BROTHERS WERE IN THE ARMY OF ISRAEL. DAVID WAS NOT FIGHTING IN THE WAR, HE WAS STILL LIVING AT HOME, TAKING CARE OF HIS FATHER'S SHEEP.

ONE DAY DAVID'S FATHER (JESSE) SENT DAVID TO GO SEE ABOUT HIS THREE BROTHERS IN THE WAR. JESSE SENT FOOD WITH DAVID FOR THE THREE BOYS.

WHEN DAVID FOUND HIS BROTHERS AND WAS (7-4) TALKING WITH THEM, GOLIATH CAME NEAR THE ARMY OF ISRAEL AND, AGAIN, DARED THEM TO SEND OUT A SOLDIER TO FIGHT HIM.

SOME OF THE MEN IN THE ARMY OF ISRAEL TOLD DAVID, "THE SOLDIER IN OUR ARMY THAT CAN FIGHT GOLIATH AND KILL HIM - THE KING WILL GIVE THAT SOLDIER MANY GIFTS AND WILL LET THAT SOLDIER MARRY HIS DAUGHTER."

DAVID WAS VERY BRAVE. EVEN THOUGH ALL THE OTHER SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY OF ISRAEL WERE TOO AFRAID TO FIGHT GOLIATH, DAVID WAS NOT AFRAID. (DAVID HAD COURAGE)

WHEN KING SAUL HEARD THAT DAVID WAS SO BRAVE, KING SAUL SENT FOR (7-6)

DAVID TO COME AND SEE HIM.

DAVID TOLD SAUL, "I WILL GO AND FIGHT GOLIATH!" (DAVID DID NOT SAY THIS TO BE IMPORTANT AND FAMOUS. DAVID SAID THIS BECAUSE HE KNEW SOMEONE NEEDED TO FIGHT GOLIATH. DAVID WAS WILLING TO DO THE JOB THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE.)

FIRST SAUL SAID, "DAVID, YOU CAN'T GO AND FIGHT GOLIATH BECAUSE YOU ARE JUST A YOUNG BOY AND GOLIATH HAS BEEN A SOLDIER FOR YEARS."

BUT DAVID TOLD KING SAUL ABOUT TAKING CARE OF HIS FATHER'S SHEEP. DAVID TOLD ABOUT TIMES WHEN A LION AND A BEAR CAME AND TOOK ONE OF THE SHEEP, AND HE FOUGHT THE LION AND THE BEAR <sup>AND</sup> KILLED THEM <sup>TO</sup> KEEP THE SHEEP SAFE.

DAVID TOLD SAUL, "GOD DELIVERED ME OUT OF THE PAW OF THE LION AND OUT OF THE PAW OF THE BEAR, AND GOD WILL DELIVER ME OUT OF THE HAND OF THIS PHILISTINE SOLDIER."

AFTER LISTENING TO WHAT DAVID SAID, SAUL TOLD DAVID HE COULD GO AND FIGHT GOLIATH. SAUL GAVE DAVID A HELMET, AND A SWORD, AND A COAT OF ARMOUR, BUT DAVID DECIDED TO USE JUST HIS SLING AND FIVE SMALL STONES. THEN DAVID WENT OUT TO THE VALLEY TO FIGHT GOLIATH.

WHEN GOLIATH SAW THAT DAVID WAS JUST A YOUNG BOY, GOLIATH MADE FUN

OF DAVID. GOLIATH SAID MANY THINGS TO MAKE FUN OF DAVID. GOLIATH TOLD DAVID, "COME FIGHT ME AND I'LL BEAT YOU SO BADLY THAT I'LL FEED YOUR BODY TO THE BIRDS AND THE WILD ANIMALS."

ALL THE OTHER MEN IN THE ARMY OF ISRAEL WERE SO AFRAID WHEN GOLIATH TALKED LIKE THAT, BUT NOT DAVID. DAVID WAS NOT AFRAID! (DAVID HAD REAL COURAGE.)

DAVID TOLD GOLIATH, "YOU COME TO FIGHT ME WITH A SWORD, AND A SPEAR, AND A SHIELD, BUT I COME TO FIGHT YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL."

"TODAY GOD IS GOING TO PROTECT ME AND HELP ME WIN THIS BATTLE, SO THAT THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW THE REAL GOD IS IN ISRAEL. THEN EVERYONE WILL KNOW THIS BATTLE <sup>IS</sup> THE LORD'S BATTLE, FOR GOD IS GOING TO GIVE US THE VICTORY OVER YOU!" (DAVID'S COURAGE <sup>CAME FROM</sup> GOD.)

THEN GOLIATH CAME NEAR AND THE BATTLE BEGAN; DAVID WAS NOT AFRAID. DAVID REACHED IN HIS BAG AND PULLED OUT A STONE. HE THREW THE STONE WITH HIS SLING AND IT HIT GOLIATH RIGHT IN THE HEAD. GOLIATH FELL DOWN TO THE GROUND.

SO DAVID WON THE VICTORY OVER GOLIATH WITH A SLING AND A STONE. GOD GAVE THE VICTORY TO DAVID! GOD GAVE DAVID THE COURAGE HE NEEDED TO WIN THE BATTLE!

