Story Lime

New Perspectives on Old Stories

"Don't stop me if you've heard this one.."

David & Goliath 1 Samuel 17



Concerning an Israelite warrior, Goliath said...

"If he kills me, then we will be your slaves.

But if I kill him, you will be our slaves."

The Israelite's response to Goliath's taunt... "They were terrified and deeply shaken."

Goliath represents the separation between God's people and the fulfillment of His promises.



David's reaction to the Israelite's fear...

"Who is this pagan Philistine, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?"

"Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"

David's declaration to Goliath...

"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.

Today the Lord will conquer you..."

David represents faith in God amid His people's fear.



When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they turned and ran. Then the men of Israel and Judah gave a great shout of triumph and rushed after the Philistines, chasing them as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron.

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What Goliath are you facing today? 1 Peter 4:12

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God's promise is greater than your Goliath. Romans 8:31

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When your Goliath is dead, act like it. Galatians 5:1

Easier said than done? Consider Jesus...

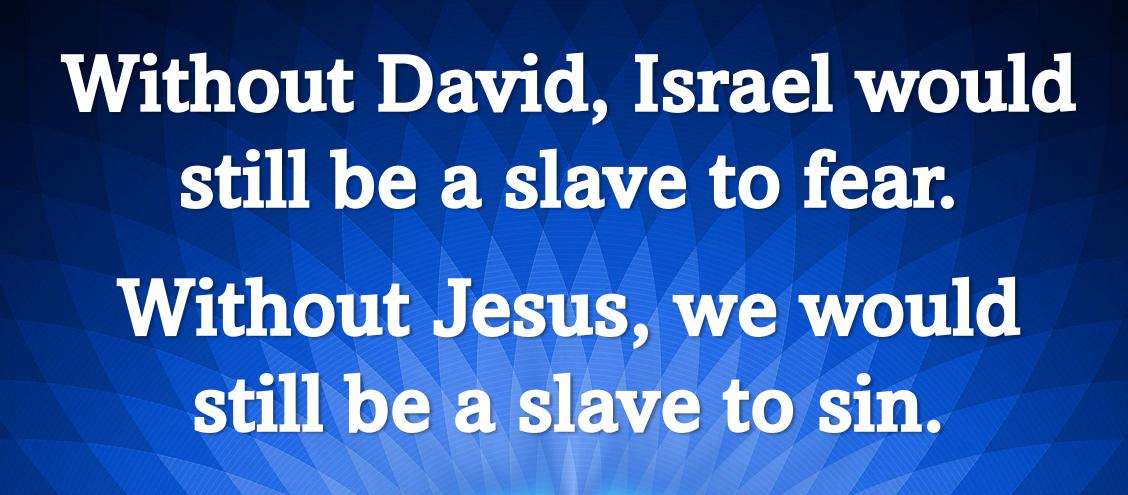
"I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, I will make his kingdom strong." (2 Sam. 7:12)

[Jesus] was born into King David's family line. (Rom. 1:3)

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AKA Second David

David's defeat of Goliath with a few stones is a foreshadowing of Jesus' defeat of death when the stone was rolled away...



The only thing standing between you and the fulfilment of God's promises is the "Goliath" that has enslaved you through fear. But faith in the power of Jesus will allow you to overcome that "Goliath" and experience freedom.

I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. - Psalm 23:4

