

# David & Goliath

## Introduction

What would you love to do but lack the faith to do it?

How strong is your faith on a 1-10 scale?

## I Samuel 17

How did David  
have so much  
faith?

### Context

- \* 2500 B.C. – Flood
- \* 2000 B.C. – Abraham
- \* 1410 B.C. – 40 Years in Desert
- \* 1350 B.C. - Judges
- \* 1050 B.C. – King Saul
- \* 1011 B.C. – King David
  - \* Goliath was from Gath; David from Bethlehem (~20 miles apart)

## Context

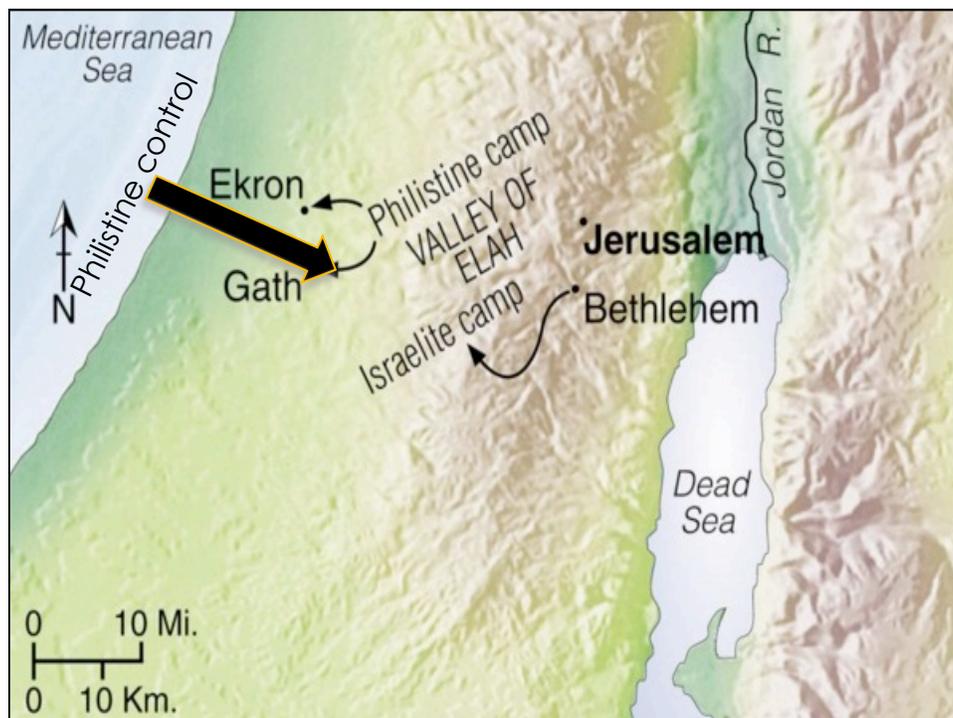
- \* I Samuel 8 – Samuel warned against a King
- \* 9:2 – Saul appointed King. He was “as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel...”
- \* 11:6, “...the Spirit of God came powerfully upon [Saul]...”
- \* 15:11, “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.”
- \* 15:24-29 – Saul dethroned by God Himself & ...

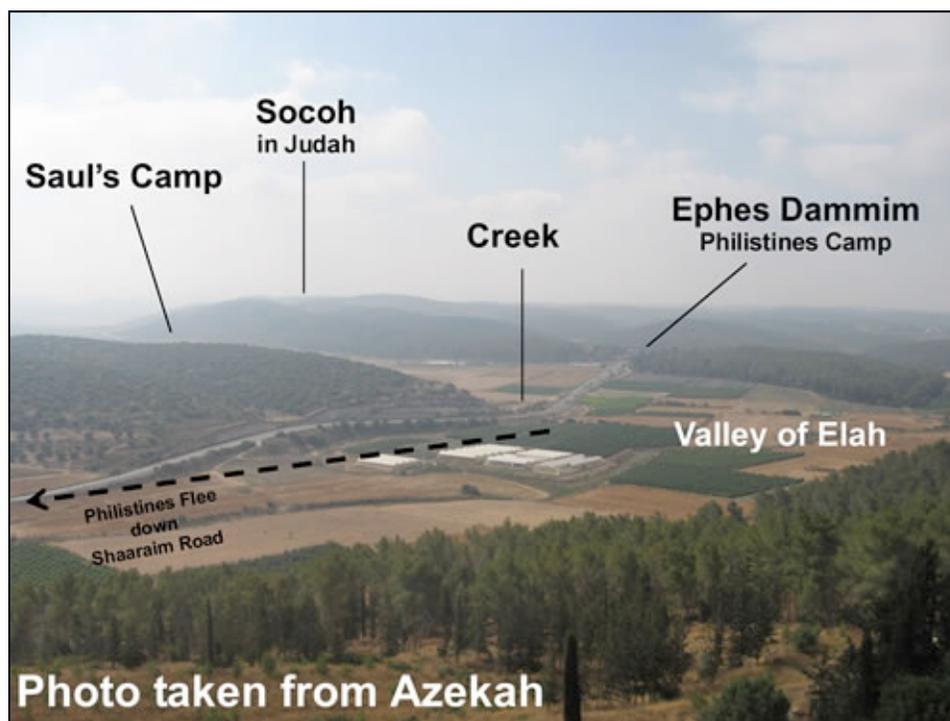
## Context: I Sam. 15:24-29

- \* Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the LORD’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them. Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD.”
- \* But Samuel said to him, “I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you as king over Israel!”
- \* As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors—to one **better than you.**”

## Context

- \* I Sam. 16 – Samuel anoints boy David as next King, and David begins serving Saul as a musician
- \* 17:1-3 Philistines and Israelites encamped on opposite sides of a valley





## Context

- \* 17:4-8 Goliath begins daily threats
- \* 17:11 Saul and Israelites were "dismayed and terrified"
- \* 17:16 Goliath's taunting lasts 40 days

## Enter David...and His Worldview

- \* 17:19 Jesse told David that his brothers were “fighting against the Philistines.”
- \* 17:26, “Who is this uncircumcised Philistine?”

Who Were the Philistines?

## Philistines

- \* Noah-Ham-Casluhim-Philistim.
- \* Populated Crete (Sea People), then Gaza
- \* Pharaohs' first mercenaries
- \* YAHWEH allowed Philistines to remain in the Promised Land to “prove Israel.” (Judges 3:1,3)
- \* Israelites were serving Philistines' gods. (Judges 10:6,7)

## Philistines

- \* Samson punished Philistines—300 foxes/fire/grain; 1000 killed with donkey's jawbone (Judges 15)
- \* Philistines captured Ark of Covenant at Ebenezer (stone of help) (I Sam. 4:21) and ...
- \* ... placed Ark in Ashdod's temple near Dagon (5:4)
- \* Philistines' power and territory expanded so much they could limit their neighbors' access and use of metal (I Sam. 13:19-23)

David Was Not Intimidated

## “Who is this uncircumcised Philistine” (v. 26)

- \* Goliath “cursed David by **his gods...**” (17:43)
- \* David rejected the 40-day belief that a godless man could threaten the **Lord's army**, (though King Saul & David's brothers lost faith)
- \* **David saw Goliath defying the “armies of the living God” (17:26).**
  - \* David knew Goliath had no covenant with & was defying the true God!

Why No Intimidation?

## David Understood God's Role in Israel's History b/c Shema Yisrael

- \* Deut. 6:6-9, "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.
- \* Deut. 32:7, "Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you.

## David Understood God's Role in Israel's History

- \* Abraham (2000 B.C.)
- \* Isaac (2065 B.C.)
- \* Jacob (2050 B.C.)
- \* Joseph (1910 B.C.), then 400 years of slavery
- \* Moses (1530 B.C.), 10 plagues, Red Sea (1450 B.C.)
- \* 40 years in desert (1410 B.C.) (manna/quail), then crossing Jordan River

## David's FAITH-Filled Perspective

- \* Deut. 1:28 - Fearing giant warriors is what kept Israelites from promised land 400 years earlier
- \* Joshua 10:19, 25 - Joshua led Israelites into promised land after 40 years of wandering, saying
  - \* "...don't stop; **pursue your enemies!** Attack them from the rear and don't let them reach their cities, for the Lord your **God has given them into your hand.**"
  - \* "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. **This is what the Lord will do to all the enemies you are going to fight.**"

## David's FAITH-Filled Perspective in Action

- \* "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but **I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." (45)
- \* "**Lord will deliver you into my hands...**and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel." (46)
- \* "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the **battle is the LORD's**, and he will give all of you into our hands." (47)

## Application

- \* "Faith comes from hearing...the Word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17)
- \* God who rescued Isaac, S-M-A and David will rescue you.
- \* 1-10 rating
  - \* Mustard seed...and move mountains,
  - \* Defeat evil kings, and
  - \* Glorify God and enjoy Him forever!