

For the week of September 13, 2015  
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# Defeating the Giant

*6th week in the series "A Life of Passion: The Story of David."*

**1 Samuel 17:1-58**

The story of David and Goliath is one of the most well-known stories of all time. But is it simply about an underdog who wins an improbably victory? Or does this story reveal something more about David? In this third introduction to the man who would be Israel's best king, we see a complex picture of a boy. David is ambitious, clever, brash, and deeply committed to the reputation of God. By watching David, we can learn a lot about our own motivations and our own passion for God.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you think motivated David to challenge Goliath? Were his motives good?
2. How is Saul portrayed throughout this scene? How does David surpass him?
3. How does defeating Goliath accomplish David's concern for the reputation of God in the world and the faith of his people?
4. How motivated are you by the reputation of God and the faith of his people?
5. What could you do to have those goals clearer in your daily activities?