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DAVID: HE WAS ONLY A YOUTH

(1 Samuel 17:31-51)

INTRODUCTION - This lesson looks at David as an example for our youth when youth faces a "Goliath" challenge. What can a "youth" do?

1. (v17) A YOUTH WHO OBEYED HIS PARENTS

(v17) "Then Jesse said to his son David ... run to your brothers at the camp"
(Ephesians 6:1) "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right"

2. (v32) A YOUTH WHO VOLUNTEERED TO ACCEPT A CHALLENGE

(v32) "David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him.
Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."
No one else would tackle the task, so David did it.

3. (v37) A YOUTH OF FAITH

(v37) "The Lord delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear,
He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine" (v45) "I come to you in the
name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied"
(v47) "for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands"
Certainly, youth may have faith today: (Ecc. 12:1; 2 Timothy 3:15)

4. A YOUTH WHO REFUSED TO BE DISCOURAGED

David did not escape criticism: 1) His brother in (v28-29) "Why did you come down here?"
2) King Saul in (v33) "you are not able ... for you are a youth ... "
3) Goliath in (v43) "... the Philistine cursed David by his gods ... "
David had an answer for each of them: 1) "I'm here in obedience to dad"
2) "God delivered me before, and He will do it again" 3) (v46) "I will give the
carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air ... "
(1 Timothy 4:12) "Let no man despise your youth ... "

5. (v38-40) A YOUTH WHO USED WHAT HE HAD IN HIS HAND

6. (v50) A YOUTH WHO PREVAILED

(v50) "So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone ... "
God gives us the victory: (1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:4)

7. (1 Samuel 18:5, v14, v30) A YOUTH WHO "BEHAVED HIMSELF WISELY"

8. (1 Samuel 18:5) A YOUTH "ACCEPTED IN THE SIGHT OF ALL THE PEOPLE"

CLOSE: David did well later because he did well earlier.