WELCOME

to the 6th and Meredith church of Christ

Thanks for being with us, let us honor God with hearts desiring to worship in "Spirit" and "Truth."
Most people have heard the story of **DAVID & GOLIATH**, but there may be some things about the story that are not so familiar ...

1. How did this young Shepherd Boy get involved in this Fight?
2. Why didn't someone else in Israel fight the Giant?
3. In fact, why had Goliath become such a focal point of this Battle?
4. What was it that made David different from all the others in Israel?

Let's examine the story and try to answer some of these **IMPORTANT QUESTIONS** ...
The Philistines and Israelites meet for battle in the Valley of Elah. Saul’s army was on one side of a mountain, the Philistines on the other. (Verses 1-3)
The Philistines had a champion who went out from the camp, his name ... **Goliath**. His height was **six cubits and a span (9' 9")**. (Verse 4)
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Goliath wore a Bronze Helmet, a Bronze Coat that weighed “146 lb 4 oz”, His Spearhead weighed “18 lb”, and he had a Shield Bearer. (Verses 4-7)
Goliath challenged Israel (for forty days) to send out their best man to fight, the Loser would serve the Winner, but Saul and his army were Afraid. (Verses 8-11, 16)
David was the youngest son of Jesse (who had eight sons) and his three older brothers were with Saul. Jesse sent David to check on them and take some food. (Verses 12-19)
Next morning David, left the sheep with a keeper, and went on his way. In camp he left the supplies and went and greeted his brothers. (Verses 20-22)
While David talked, Goliath Taunted Israel’s Army. David hears of the Reward for killing Goliath. His older brother was Angry with David. (Verses 23-30)
David tells Saul he will Kill the Giant, but Saul is doubtful. David says, God will Deliver the Giant just as He did the Lion & Bear! (Verses 31-37)
Saul fits David with his Own Armor, but David realizes he is Unfamiliar with Such Armor and chooses Not to Wear It. (Verses 38-39)
Instead, David took his Staff; and he chose Five Smooth Stones from the Brook, and he put them in a Shepherd’s Bag. (Verse 40)
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David & Goliath meet in Battle. Goliath then Mocks David, but David says the LORD is going to Deliver you into My Hand! (Verses 41-47)
When Goliath made his move, David ran toward him drawing a Stone and with a Sling Struck the Giant in the Forehead! (Verses 48-50)
David then ran toward the Giant, stood over him drawing his sword and Killed him. When the Philistines saw this they Fled! (Verse 51)
Some Facts About The Story

❑ It is interesting that David was not a soldier or trained in war. The soldiers who were trained were useless, because they were FILLED WITH FEAR.

❑ It is further interesting that David was not sent to the Valley of Elah to fight, but to take food to his OLDER BRAVER BROTHERS.

❑ It is ironic that this YOUNG BOY who was mocked by his older brothers, KILLED THE GIANT they feared so much!

❑ The ONE who should not have had to fight was the ONLY ONE WHO COULD!

❑ What an amazing display of GOD’S POWER!
What Made David Different?

- David knew Israel's **POSITION** as God's people ...
  
  (v. 26) “... For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

- David saw it as a **SHAME** and **DISGRACE** that the armies of the Living God were mocked by Goliath and the Philistines.

- It was a **REPROACH** for these Idol worshipping Philistines to turn God's people into cowards.

- David did something about this **DISGRACE** and so he fearlessly fought for Israel ...
  
  (v. 48) “... David hastened and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.”
What Made David Different?

- David knew the source of Israel's **POWER** came from God ...
  
  (v. 37) “... The **LORD**, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, **He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.**”

- David knew God is the source of **STRENGTH** for those who turn to Him ...
  
  (v. 45) “... You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But **I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.**”

- Though others in Israel had given up on **GOD’S POWER**, there is yet **one young boy who had confidence in that POWER**.
David knew Israel's **PURPOSE**, God would be honored by the defeat of the Philistines ... (v. 46) “This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.”

Israel was to be a **BEACON** that others might see the workings of the Living God.

Israel was a part of an even **GREATER PLAN**, whereby God was preserving the seed of Abraham in order to bring the **MESSIAH** into the world ... (See - II Samuel 7:12-16).
We must know our **POSITION**, as God's people...

9 But **you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

10 who once were not a people but **are now the people of God**, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy ... (1 Peter 2:9-10)

We are not a people with an identity crisis trying to figure out who we are, **we are the SERVANTS of the LIVING GOD**.

This puts us all in a very **UNIQUE POSITION**.
Some Lessons For Us

- We must know the source of our **POWER** comes from God...
  
  13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me ... *(Philippians 4:13)*

- There is nothing God requires of us that we cannot do. If God requires it, then He will provide us with the **STRENGTH** and the **RESOURCES** to meet the challenge...
  
  19 “... God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus ... *(Philippians 4:19)*

- Let us look to the future, to the work, to the growth of God's church, but **not with FEAR**.

- With God's help, we are **FULLY CAPABLE**!
We must know our **PURPOSE**. God is honored by the **VICTORY** of His people ...

14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful” ... (Revelation 17:14)

If we stay **FOCUSED**, we can have ...

- **Victory in Evangelism.** (Saved to save others).
- **Victory in our Families.** (Strong local churches are built on strong families.)
- **Victory in our Personal Battles with Evil.**
- **Victory in reaching our Destination - Heaven.**

God has given us **VICTORY** in His **PURPOSE**!
Earlier we said, Israel was a part of an even **GREATER PLAN**, whereby God was preserving the seed of Abraham for the **MESSIAH** ...

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, **God sent forth His Son**, born of a woman, born under the law,

5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons ... (Galatians 4:4-5)

**JESUS** has come, and you can be an **HEIR** ...

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek ...

29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise ... (Galatians 3:27-29)
Remember **DAVID & GOLIATH** is a famous Bible Story ...

- It is a story of **GOOD & EVIL**!
- It is a story of an **UNDERDOG**!
- It is a story of a **HERO**!

But today, **WHO** will be like David?

- Who will **Stand Forth & Fight**?
- Who will be **Brave & Valiant**?
- Who will **Trust in the Living God**?
- Who will **Step out, take on the Giants and Inspire the Children of God**?
- Who will be in the Book of Life as a **HERO**?
Fight Your Giant!

Don't Be Afraid, God Is With You!