

Saints and Scoundrels:
Lessons Learned from Samuel, Saul, and David
David Serves King Saul and Defeats Goliath
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Setting the stage: For centuries, Judges ruled the 12 tribes of Israel – these judges were men and women the Lord raised up to guide the nation... but they did much more than hear cases, they also led military campaigns. Samuel was the last of the judges. The nation of Israel demanded change – they clamored for a king to lead them...to lead them in battle “like all the nations around them”. God gave them Saul...and he failed. God chose a boy to take his place...a boy who had a heart that pursued God.

King Saul is Tormented by God (16: 14-23)

- An unusual “illness” calls for an unusual remedy!
- David enters the king's service with an impressive resume

Israel Wars with the Philistines and their Champion Goliath (17: 1-11)

- “Pardon me Saul...but they’ve got a giant”
(LOTR fans, think cave troll)
- A human armored tank with a mouth that won't quit

David the Messenger Becomes David the Warrior (17: 12-37)

- Imagine seeing the battle lines from a 15-year-old boy point of view...
- David asks too many questions from Eliab's point of view
- David is brought before Saul and lays out his (God's) credentials

David Straps it On, Unstraps it, and Faces the Giant (17: 38-51)

- David rejects Saul's armor and chooses familiar weapons
- Goliath and David trade trash talk...David has his own “secret weapon”
- The human armored tank has one weak spot...
- David defeats Goliath and carries off the spoils...
including Goliath's head!
- David's bravery inspires the Israeli troops

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would someone describe you as “the Lord is with him/her”?• David spoke often of God's actions in his life – do you?• In your daily battles, what is your “go to” weapon? Does it work?• What “giant” is taunting you, ruling over you? |
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