

07262020 There were 24 of us praying last Monday night at church....we broke into groups and moved around the church in praying... after a while I went into the sanctuary and sat in the first pew praying...and I was given a vision....the first part was of a huge army...I knew it was the church in our country... and they were slumbering, asleep and I started praying over and over again that God would send angels to blow sound trumpets and wake them up to go to battle....

and as I was praying I started to see a bigger picture...it looked very much like the battle in the Valley of Elah, when the Israelites were looking down the slopes to the Philistine giant goliath ...watching and hearing the taunts of the enemy but scared to do anything.... aware of what's going on but frozen to act....then a saw another group of the anointed the church trying to fight wearing Saul's armor...they were clumsy, the armor did not fit...it was God's kids fighting the enemy with the tolls of the enemy...Saul had lost his anointing at this time...so it was flesh against flesh...they could not fight well ...then I saw David come up and he was righteously indignant at the enemy for attacking God's anointed...and he ran to battle the giant....the point of the vision was that God's kids are in one of the four activities slumbering, watching but stuck in fear, fighting with Saul's armor/ineffective, or in the battle like David... *since the vision was of a parallel biblical situation to our time ...the actual story has insight for us in the now....*

first lets look at the situation and circumstances :after dcorupt judges rules Israel, the people wanted a King like the other countries, as they thought an earthly government would be just ...God was absolutely against this and warned them fo how Kings would be corrupt also and even In greater way..... ...yet they insisted, God relented and appointed Saul they were to be ruled King Saul was the first king of Israel and his reign lasted 40 -42 years... his Israelite army warred against the Philistines all of Saul's reign as King and occasionally had battles... This was another day another battle...Saul had lost the anointing or spiritual power he was initially bestowed with for his sinning

against God while King. when he was King for 27 years God anointed through the prophet and Judge Samuel...David to be King...he would not assume that role for for at least 15 years.

- **King Saul's Accomplishments:** Saul was chosen by God himself to be the first king of Israel. Saul defeated many of the enemies of his country, including the Ammonites, Philistines, Moabites, and Amalekites. He united the scattered tribes, giving them greater strength. He reigned for 42 years.
- **King Saul's Strengths:** Saul was courageous in battle. He was a generous king. Early in his reign he was admired and respected by the people.
- **King Saul's Weaknesses:** Saul could be impulsive, acting unwisely. His jealousy of David drove him to madness and a thirst for revenge. More than once, **King Saul disobeyed God's instructions, thinking he knew better. lost the spiritual power he once had...**

So we pick up the story...Saul has lost his anointing ...therefore fights in the flesh...with the flesh..and Samuel mourns over that...

- **which takes us to David.. ... who is spoken of as the Man of God...** He is mentioned by name over 1,150 times in the Bible...more than any other patriarch, priest, prophet, king or apostle. ---Only our God and His Christ Jesus are mentioned more.
- Which make him the third most popular figure in Scripture
- 1 Samuel 16 ...Samuel Anoints David...we pick up the story of Samuel's arrival at the house of Jesse in Bethlehem under a divine mission from God to anoint the future King of Israel...
- *1 Samuel 16:1 Now the LORD said to Samuel, "You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king."*
- **he goes through the brothers until he gets to the youngest...David...to break up any notion ..that you may have that David was special because he was Holy...let me dispel that here...**

¹⁰ *In the same way all seven of Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."* ¹¹ *Then Samuel asked, "Are*

these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.”

question?? ...why was David not included in this most important event?

- **it appears Jesse was embarrassed over his teenage son David**
- **he most likely was the product of an affair**
- **David was about 17 at this time, he has lived separated and as an outsider to his family....rejected by his brothers, mother and father...**
- **The youngest and the least...the despised one...**
- ***That is a dysfunctional upbringing...***
- **His human roots were anything but glorious...**
- ***But God looked at him differently.... He has the heart to keep faith through out his life...even when he made huge mistakes... we jump ahead to the battle...***
- **later on when Jesse Needed David to take supplies to his three older brothers...David went...**

1 Samuel 17:1 The Philistines now mustered their army for battle and camped between Socoh in Judah and Azekah at Ephes-dammim. ² Saul countered by gathering his Israelite troops near the valley of Elah. ³ So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them.

The scene... The sloping valley of Elah is located fifteen miles west of Bethlehem..this is where the armies gathered...except something was different with this battle.. instead of all the soldiers warring...it was a one on one ...with the winner taking all the spoils...

There comes defining times and defining moments in each one of our lives...and those opportunities are those one time events and decisions that change destinies!

⁴ Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! ⁵ He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. ⁶ He also wore bronze leg armor,

and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds, His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield.

- **Why would Saul not make a move against this man representing the Philistines? He was a courageous leader...but leaders make decisions ?**
- **why could he not make a decision to attack?**
- **I believe there is more here than meets the eye...**
- **there is a spiritual component...the anointing of God had left him (power of God)**
- **and Goliath represents more than just a man...but a man empowered by the enemy... the name Goliath can mean soothsayer..or a soothsayer is One who claims to be able BY MAGIC to foretell events or predict the future; a seer.**

Joshua tell us in Joshua 11: ²² No Anakites were left in Israelite territory; only in Gaza, Gath and Ashdod did any survive. Anakites were giants...

- **they are the people that scared the day lights out of 10 of the 12 spies sent to spy the land of Canaan...**

*Numbers 13:33 ..We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like **grasshoppers** in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."*

- **The Nephilim were rumored to be the offspring of angels and men...resulting in Giants...from Genesis 6**

Genesis 6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

- **No wonder the Israelite army was afraid...they could reason that this fortune teller knew the future, because he was empowered by demonic forces... and Saul had no spiritual authority anymore to overcome this**

spiritually energized enemy! So they were frozen in fear..

- **Same tactics the enemy uses on us...I know your future ...there is none...**

1 Sam 17:8 Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. “Why are you all coming out to fight?” he called. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! ⁹ If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! ¹⁰ I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!” ¹¹ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

His challenge send someone out to fight me... He defied their army...the word defy means... to challenge to do something considered impossible

- **it is impossible to beat me...I know how this ends... **but the enemy never does...****

1 Sam 17:12 Now David was the son of a man named Jesse, an Ephrathite from Bethlehem in the land of Judah. Jesse was an old man at that time, and he had eight sons. ¹³ Jesse’s three oldest sons—Eliab, Abinadab, and Shimea—had already joined Saul’s army to fight the Philistines. ¹⁴ David was the youngest son. David’s three oldest brothers stayed with Saul’s army, ¹⁵ but David went back and forth so he could help his father with the sheep in Bethlehem. ¹⁶ For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army.

- **David is chosen ...his seven brothers ...three of which will be at the battle scared and watching...three nowhere mentioned...for our sake slumbering...**
- **the enemy relentlessly beat them up mentally..and they believed him.. he creates anxiety..the sister of fear...**

Meanwhile back at home... David was unaware of the situation...He did not know this was the day ...his life changed forever...it was in his mind ..another day...with an extra job...Great!!

¹⁷ One day Jesse said to David, “Take this basket of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to your brothers. ¹⁸ And give these ten cuts of cheese to their captain. See how your brothers are getting along, and bring back a report on how they are doing.” ¹⁹ David’s brothers were with Saul and the Israelite army at the valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines.

²⁰ So David left the sheep with another shepherd and set out early the next morning with the gifts, as Jesse had directed him. He arrived at the camp just as the Israelite army was leaving for the battlefield with shouts and battle cries. ²¹ Soon the Israelite and Philistine forces stood facing each other, army against army.

²² David left his things with the keeper of supplies and hurried out to the ranks to greet his brothers. ²³ As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel.

²⁴ As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. ²⁵ “Have you seen the giant?” the men asked. “He comes out each day to defy Israel. The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man’s entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!”

²⁶ David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?” ²⁷ And these men gave David the same reply. They said, “Yes, that is the reward for killing him.” ²⁷ And these men gave David the same reply. They said, “Yes, that is the reward for killing him.”

- **David is watching this guy..shortly after daybreak...rant and rave...**
- **he sees the effect it has on the Israelite army ...of seasoned warriors...not meek guys...running around in fear..**
- **And then telling about the extra motivation and reward Saul is trying to provide for someone any one to take up this challenge...**
- **David hears this...but misses some of it....and asks to have it repeated...**
- **two perspectives to take in here...One David never calls Goliath by name...never gives him the dignity or right to be known as a fortune teller..**

- he calls him ...a Philistine..our enemy...a disgrace...
- and an uncircumcised one at that...which means he has no part or relationship with the living God...
- so he has no business defying... **the word defy means..._to challenge to do something considered impossible..the armies of God...**
- **David says ...who is this guy who thinks he can beat God's army???**

³¹ Then David's question was reported to King Saul, and the king sent for him.

³² "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"³³ "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."

- **fleshly fear always paint the fleshly enemy larger and more powerful...Saul was a man of the flesh now...so it is impossible to defeat someone in the flesh bigger , stronger and seasoned in battle...**
- **Faith paints a different story...the power of God is far superior to any power...**

³⁴ But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. ³⁶ I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!"

- **in my world I have done courageous things...like many of us we have done courageous things...foolish maybe but none the less gutsy...**
- **fighting a bear and lion to some would seem foolish...but none the less courageous..but he believed God was with him!**

³⁷ ...Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the LORD be with you!"³⁸ Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. ³⁹ David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see

what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. “I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So David took them off again.

- **David was a spiritual man...worldly ways don't fit him nor of any value... in spiritual warfare... in the flesh woefully out gunned..in the spirit undefeatable!**

⁴⁰ He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd’s bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd’s staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine. ⁴¹ Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, ⁴² sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. ⁴³ “Am I a dog,” he roared at David, “that you come at me with a stick?” *And he cursed David by the names of his gods.*

⁴⁵ David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! ⁴⁷ And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD’s battle, and he will give you to us!”

⁴⁸ As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him.

⁴⁹ Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground.

- **David was a spiritual man...worldly ways don't fit him nor of any value... in spiritual warfare...and that is what this was played out in the flesh!**

⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.

- **he fought with what he had and the power of God...won and encouraged the fearful to fight in the power of God**

52 Then the men of Israel and Judah gave a great shout of triumph and rushed after the Philistines, chasing them as far as Gath^[g] and the gates of Ekron. The bodies of the dead and wounded Philistines were strewn all along the road from Shaaraim, as far as Gath and Ekron. ⁵³ Then the Israelite army returned and plundered the deserted Philistine camp.

1) notice no where is it noted that does God directs Him to engage in this battle... he chose to enter because God's honor was at stake!...

2)and all he needed he already had in his possession... he used what he had and he only had to do one thing....attack the enemy! One thing no one else was doing...

Everyone in here today can do one thing different...with one motivation...

The motivation... how dare you *You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin,(the flesh power) but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—(spitiual power)*

the do... This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!" what is our power to use? Prayer unceasing , unyeilding prayer power

2 Chronicles 7:14 Then *if my people* who are called by *my* name will humble themselves and pray and seek *my* face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

what do we need to repent from? looking for man to fix our world ...just like the Israelites did ...they wanted a king...we want the Republicans or the Democrats or someone else...repent ...we want God !

- **and you know what happpens when we do this? *we fight well why and unto victory? why? we battle in the spirit...praying and seeking the face of God...***
- **the ramification effect everyone well! you wake the slumbering, give courage to the fearful. give spiritual power to the worldly....you change History!**
- **what about the three scared brothers?**
 1. **David's eldest brother Eliab went from scared to fearless and was given**

the position of third in charge in the army (1 Chronicles 12:9). (1 Chronicles 15:16 to 20).

2. Second brother Abinadab and Third son Shimea/Shammah continued as warriors in Saul's army. Shimea's son Jonathon killed Goliath's son who was also a giant
- **what about the 4 slumbering brothers?**
 3. Fourth brother Nethanel was a trumpeter and a doorkeeper for the Ark of the Covenant (1 Chronicles 15:24).
 4. and 6. Fifth and sixth brothers Raddai and Ozem were not mentioned again by name but only as 'David's brothers' who served him on his hiding from Saul(1 Samuel 22:1).
 7. His seventh brother Elihu was the captain of the army for all the tribe of Judah (1 Chronicles 27:18 & 22).
and his sister Zeruah married Seraiah the chief priest and scribe,
- *You fight well in the spirit ...the ramification effect everyone well! you wake the slumbering, give courage to the fearful. give spiritual power to the worldly....you change History!*
 - We are more than conquerors of anything the enemy throw at us...
 - *Romans 8:37* No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

In Christ we have spiritual power to conquer evil! end

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- **listen Just what did David mean when he would later write in the Psalms:**

Psalm 51:5 For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.....**he also wrote, grieving over the rejection of his parents...**

Psalm 27:10 Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close. And again in

Psalm 69:8 Even my own brothers pretend they don't know me; they treat me like a stranger.

He was told what to go bring food to his brothers...but look what happened

- **His desire to fight Goliath was based on his past experiences and His anger at someone defying His God.....**
- **this one day changed his life...but he would still not be King for seven more years....**
- **win the battles today and let God worry about the future...and lets take a quick look at the future:**
- **How did he come to this decision...
David could not lose...he was to be the next King...Goliath did not know that...bad day for Goliath**

- **He could not but accomplish victory ...even if he would have failed God would not have allowed him to die...for he was to be the King...Period**
- **He brought five stones ...why?**
- **there were four more Giants that were around...Just in case they were around he was ready...they would be dealt with later... the point...he was ready for complete to fight for complete victory...**

not satisfied with one battle one... but was in it until the enemy was defeated...

- 1 those destiny changing events come as an opportunity, disguised as a problem usually no one else wants nor even sees as an opportunity....**
- 2 and usually presents itself someway in the flow of your everyday life...**
- 3 your role is just being faithful to what is in your hand to do now... in an ordinary days work...**

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1 Sam 8:1 As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel. ² Joel and Abijah, his oldest sons, held court in Beersheba. ³ But they were not like their father, for they were greedy for money. They accepted bribes and perverted justice.

⁴ Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. ⁵ “Look,” they told him, “you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.”

⁶ Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the LORD for guidance. ⁷ “Do everything they say to you,” the LORD replied, “for they are rejecting me, not you. They don’t want me to be their king any longer. ⁸ Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. ⁹ Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them.”

Samuel Warns against a Kingdom

¹⁰ So Samuel passed on the LORD's warning to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ "This is how a king will reign over you," Samuel said. "The king will draft your sons and assign them to his chariots and his charioteers, making them run before his chariots. ¹² Some will be generals and captains in his army, ^[a] some will be forced to plow in his fields and harvest his crops, and some will make his weapons and chariot equipment. ¹³ The king will take your daughters from you and force them to cook and bake and make perfumes for him. ¹⁴ He will take away the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his own officials. ¹⁵ He will take a tenth of your grain and your grape harvest and distribute it among his officers and attendants. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves and demand the finest of your cattle ^[b] and donkeys for his own use. ¹⁷ He will demand a tenth of your flocks, and you will be his slaves. ¹⁸ When that day comes, you will beg for relief from this king you are demanding, but then the LORD will not help you."

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel's warning. "Even so, we still want a king," they said. ²⁰ "We want to be like the nations around us. Our king will judge us and lead us into battle."

²¹ So Samuel repeated to the LORD what the people had said, ²² and the LORD replied, "Do as they say, and give them a king." Then Samuel agreed and sent the people home.

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27 They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, “This is what will be done for the man who kills him.” 28 When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.”

- **fear always tries to destroy the courage of others**

29 “Now what have I done?” said David. “Can’t I even speak?” 30 He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before.

54 David took the Philistine’s head and brought it to Jerusalem; he put the Philistine’s weapons in his own tent.

- ***David took the rotting skull of Goliath and entombed it in Jerusalem...very likely buried in a place Which would later be known “The place of the Skull” or Golgotha in Hebrew and Calvary in Latin...***

David defeated the demonically inspired Goliath...Jesus with five bleeding wounds to defeat fully and forever, once and for all our mortal enemy...our Goliath...The evil one!!

Matt 27: 33 They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”).

- **The place of that victory remains today...Golgotha! Calvary!! and because of that comprehensive victory...we can stand tall in the awesome truth...**

1 John 5:4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

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²⁷ And these men gave David the same reply. They said, “Yes, that is the reward for killing him.”

²⁸ But when David’s oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. “What are you doing around here anyway?” he demanded. “What about those few sheep you’re supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!”

²⁹ “What have I done now?” David replied. “I was only asking a question!”

³⁰ He walked over to some others and asked them the same thing and received the same answer. ³¹ Then David’s question was reported to King Saul, and the king sent for him.



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20 I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him.

- **God was looking for him!!**

21 My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him.

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- *Acts 13:22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'*

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- **How can that be... well for one thing He is mentioned by name over 1,150 times in the Bible...more than any other patriarch, priest, prophet, king or apostle. --- Only our God and His Christ Jesus are mentioned more.**
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^{1SA 16:7} But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

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- **question?? ...why was David not included in this most important event?**
- **Tending the sheep is not a sufficient reason in itself to be excluded...**
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1 Samuel 17:¹⁹ *They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."* ²⁰ *Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed.*

- **But tending the sheep was more important then witnessing who the next King of Israel would be? there must be more to this...**
- **Was Jesse embarrassed over his teenage son David**
- **listen Just what did David mean when he would later write in Psalm 51:5**

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- **he also wrote, grieving over the rejection of his parents...**

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