

## **The Dot - 2/16/21**

**Bible Stories and Characters:** Davis and Goliath

**Bible Passage:** 1 Samuel 17

**Interviewee:** Nathan Horrocks



### **Overview/Summary**

David, the youngest son of Jesse, was sent to the battle lines by his father to bring back news of his brothers. David was just a young teenager at the time. While there, David heard Goliath (A Philistine giant measuring over nine feet tall) shouting his daily defiance, and he saw the great fear stirred within the men of Israel.

David volunteered to fight Goliath. It took some persuasion, but King Saul finally agreed to let David oppose the giant. Dressed in his simple tunic, carrying his shepherd's staff, sling, and a pouch full of stones, David approached Goliath. The giant cursed at him, hurling threats and insults.

As Goliath moved in for the kill, David reached into his bag and slung one of his stones at Goliath's head. He fell face down on the ground. David then took Goliath's sword, killed him and cut off his head. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. The Israelites pursued, chasing and killing them and plundering their camp. The Lord had delivered David out of dangerous situations in the past, proving His power and trustworthiness, and David relied on Him to deliver him from the Philistine.

### **What We Learn:**

The purpose of this lesson is to show God as greater than the giants in our lives. We often find ourselves overwhelmed, afraid, and unsure because of life's circumstances- fear, depression, stress, tough relationships, doubts of faith. This lesson demonstrates God can be greater than the issues we face every day. God overcomes our hardships. When we are in relationship with God the giants of our lives shrink and cease to have control over us. Psalm 46:1 says 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.'

This story also shows that God can use unlikely people to do BIG things! Although David was Jesse's youngest son, he is the one who stands up to Goliath and kills him! 1 Timothy 4:12 says 'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.' Just because you are young, doesn't mean God can't use you in major ways.

### **Reflection Questions:**

- Can you think of something that you decided to do despite the fact that you were very afraid? What did you do and what helped you get over your fear?
- What are the giants in your life that cause you to be afraid?
- Read 1 Samuel 17:34-37. What role did the Lord play in David's previous victories? How did God use David's past victories to prepare him to face the giant?
- Can you think of an example where God prepared you in advance to use you in some bigger way?
- Read 1 Timothy 4:12. How does this passage challenge you to do BIG things for God?