



**SECOND DAY:** Read 1 Samuel 16:14-23

1. In 1 Samuel 16:1-13 David was called out of the fields by Samuel the prophet and anointed as the future king of Israel. According to 1 Samuel 16:13b, *Who came upon David from that day forward?*
  - a. What happened to Saul in 1 Samuel 16:14?
    - (1) Share your thoughts concerning this change.
2. From 1 Samuel 16:15-16 write the solution of *Saul's servants* to their master's problem.
  - a. What was Saul's response? 1 Samuel 16:17
3. How was David described by *one of the servants*? 1 Samuel 16:18
  - a. Why is the last description the most important?
  - b. How do the following Scriptures underscore the blessing of having the Lord with you:
    - (1) Psalm 46:10-11
    - (2) Romans 8:31
    - (3) Hebrews 13:5-6
4. Summarize the events of 1 Samuel 16:19-22.
  - a. What do these promotions reveal about God's plans for David?
5. Describe David's influence on Saul. 1 Samuel 16:23
  - a. Why do you suppose David had such an influence on Saul?
  - b. What influence do you desire to have on others?

**THIRD DAY:** Read 1 Samuel 17:1-27

1. 1 Samuel 17:1-3 records how the Philistines gathered to fight against Israel. Describe the *champion* that the Philistines put forward from 1 Samuel 17:4-7.
  - a. The New Living Translation says that Goliath was over 9 feet tall, his coat of mail was 125 pounds, and his iron spearhead weighed 15 pounds! What is your overall impression of this Philistine warrior?
  
2. Record Goliath's challenge to Israel from 1 Samuel 17:8-10.
  - a. How did *Saul and all Israel* respond? 1 Samuel 17:11
  
3. Briefly relate the events of 1 Samuel 17:12-22.
  
4. According to 1 Samuel 17:23, what happened while David *talked with* his brothers?
  - a. How did the *men of Israel* react? 1 Samuel 17:24-25
  - b. Contrast David's response to Goliath with that of Saul and the *men of Israel* (1 Samuel 17:11, 24, 26). What do you see?
  
5. Recall from 1 Samuel 16:13-14 that *the Spirit of the LORD came upon David, but departed from Saul*. How do you think this affected their perspective as they faced Goliath's threats?
  - a. What do you need in order to face the threats and challenges in your life?
  - b. How can you prepare yourself now for these challenges?

**FOURTH DAY:** Read 1 Samuel 17:28-40

1. When Eliab (David's *oldest brother*) heard what David said, how did he react? 1 Samuel 17:28
  - a. In your own words write David's response. 1 Samuel 17:29-30
  
2. David's words were reported to Saul (1 Samuel 17:31). What did David declare to Saul?  
1 Samuel 17:32
  - a. Considering Saul's assessment of David in 1 Samuel 17:33, why was David's offer remarkable?
  
3. Describe David's testimony to Saul using 1 Samuel 17:34-35.
  - a. According to 1 Samuel 17:36-37, how did these events prepare David to fight Goliath?
  
  - b. Share a personal testimony of deliverance.
    - (1) How has this deliverance prepared you for future trials?
  
4. Why did David refuse Saul's *armor*? 1 Samuel 17:38-39
  - a. What did David choose instead? 1 Samuel 17:40
    - (1) What does this reveal about David's faith?
  
    - (2) Link David's choice with his declaration in Psalm 20:7. Share your thoughts.
  
  - b. Relate David's choice with Paul's exhortation in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. What *carnal weapons* will not help you in the day of battle?
    - (1) What spiritual weapons and/ or strategies has the Lord given you?

**FIFTH DAY:** Read 1 Samuel 17:41-54

1. Record Goliath's perception of David. 1 Samuel 17:42-43
  - a. What do you suppose Goliath was expecting?
  
2. Use the following Scriptures to describe Goliath's intimidation:
  - a. 1 Samuel 17:4-7
  
  - b. 1 Samuel 17:44
  
  - c. 1 Samuel 7:45a
    - (1) How do you think you might have felt facing such a formidable enemy?
  
3. Use 1 Samuel 17:45-47 to answer the following questions:
  - a. With what unseen power did David face Goliath? 1 Samuel 17:45b
  
  - b. What did David declare would happen *this day*? 1 Samuel 17:46a
  
  - c. What would *all this assembly know*? 1 Samuel 17:46b-47
  
  - d. How do these declarations showcase David's faith?
  
4. Comment on the way David approached Goliath. 1 Samuel 17:48
  
5. Describe the events of 1 Samuel 17:49-51.
  - a. How did the *men of Israel* respond to these events? 1 Samuel 17:52-53
  
6. What inspiration do you receive from David's faith?

