



# Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



## Episode 065 - Battlefield Trophy 1 Samuel 17

To all appearances, it was sheer coincidence that David stumbled across the battlefield that day. He was too young to fight; he was only there because his father had sent him to take some supplies to his brothers in the army.

- What does it say that a boy had more courage and faith than any man in the army of Israel?
- Why would God choose someone so young and inexperienced to do battle against someone so strong and experienced?

God gave significant gifts to both Goliath and David. He gave Goliath great physical size and strength; He gave David tremendous faith along with a shrewd and calculating intellect. Of course, the difference between them was *faith*. Goliath used his gifts to serve himself; David used his gifts to serve his God and his people.

- Name some people you know who have been greatly gifted for leadership by God.
- Describe the disasters that came when these leaders used their gifts for their own selfish purposes.
- Describe the blessings that came from leaders using their gifts for the glory of God and the benefit of those they led.

When convincing Saul to let him fight Goliath, David remembered and took courage from the victories God had given him over bears and lions that had attacked his flocks. Now in this victory, his trophy—Goliath's head—would serve as a reminder of God's deliverance.

- What remembrances do you have of God's help in your life?
- What trophies or objects do you use to remind yourself of God's help?
- In what way is Holy Communion a trophy or a visual reminder of God's deliverance?

Jesus went to battle against a greater and more skilled and deadly enemy than Goliath. Instead of carrying a sling and stones He carried a cross. To all those standing by, the results of the battle looked completely different than David's battle against Goliath. It looked as though Jesus had lost the battle as He hung dead on the cross.

- How must the appearance of His death have been for Jesus' followers when His body was laid in the tomb?
- How did His resurrection reveal the victory He had won for God and for us all?