

**Run Toward the Roar**  
**1 Samuel 17:1-54**

**Offering Time**

1 – Nick Haas

2 – Emma Smith trusted Jesus as her Savior. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> child at Heritage to become a Christian during this pandemic.

3 – Priscilla Knode led her 80-year old brother to Christ on the telephone and her six-year-old grandson also trusted Jesus.

4 - Sign: **"No Church Until Further Notice"** – You are the church!!!

5 – **A Virtual New Member's Class next Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.** Call the church office and Debbie will send you the book

6 – Thank you for giving. Heritage is doing well financially. Every local and foreign ministry we support has confidence in us and we are proving worthy of their trust. The elders and deacons want to know of any needs that can be met.

**Sermon**

Reading through the Bible gives us such a distinct view of God and history. Read through the Bible with us. Find the reading plan on the Heritage web site.

This passage is one of the most famous in all the Bible. It's very appropriate for what we are enduring right now.

**First: The Story in Context 1-4**

- a) Socoh, where the Philistines gathered, belonged to Judah but lost through disobedience
- b) Adam and Eve lost the garden for us
- c) This Covid-19 pandemic is a result of the Fall

But we can't blame Adam and Eve

- d) We daily turn God's garden into a wasteland (Ez 18:4).

Your most important work in life is, first,  
your own soul and second, your home

### Second: The Giant Goliath 4-7

- a) He was from Gath, a city of people renowned for their stature
- b) He was 9' 9"
- c) His armor weight 125 lbs (11-12)
- d) That's why he had a shield bearer

### Third: David 12-15

- a) He was the 8<sup>th</sup> son of his father, Jesse, the grandson of Boaz and Ruth. This makes David the great-grandson of Boaz and Ruth.
- b) He was the least of his father's sons (1 Sam 16:11-12)
- c) He was beautiful (1 Sam 16:12)

I know the Scripture says, "had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him" (Is 53:2) but he is beautiful.

Song of Solomon 5:10-16 - *My beloved is radiant and ruddy, distinguished among ten thousand. <sup>11</sup> His head is the finest gold; his locks are wavy, black as a raven. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like doves beside streams of water, bathed in milk, sitting beside a full pool. <sup>13</sup> His cheeks are like beds of spices, mounds of sweet-smelling herbs. His lips are lilies, dripping liquid myrrh. <sup>14</sup> His arms are rods of gold, set with jewels. His body is polished ivory, bedecked with sapphires. <sup>15</sup> His legs are alabaster columns, set on bases of gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, choice as the cedars. <sup>16</sup> His mouth is most sweet, and he is altogether desirable. This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.*

- d) Average height of a Hebrew was 5'5" making him 4 feet shorter than Goliath

This is the story of an army howitzer (360 lb high explosive projectile, 21 miles) against a farmer's pitchfork

Big Bertha, a World War 1 German howitzer could fire a 1,7897 shell six miles to penetrate up to 40 feet of concrete

- e) As a shepherd, he had already killed a lion and a bear

**Judges 20:16** – *Among all these were 700 chosen men who were left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.*

### Fourth: How David Won the Battle

Malcom Gladwell wrote *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* and attributed David's victory to

- a) Three types of soldiers
  - Archers and slingers
  - Foot soldiers with sword and spears
  - Horsemen
- b) Goliath expected another infantryman
- c) A sling has the stopping power of a .45 caliber pistol
- d) Goliath suffered from acromegaly which causes people to grow extraordinarily but also diminishes eye-sight
- e) Goliath is a lumbering, blind goof, weighed down by armor against an agile young person.
- f) Goliath is the underdog in this story

See Malcom's Ted Talk here: [https://www.ted.com/talks/malcolm\\_gladwell\\_the\\_unheard\\_story\\_of\\_david\\_and\\_goliath#t-388473](https://www.ted.com/talks/malcolm_gladwell_the_unheard_story_of_david_and_goliath#t-388473)

Many of these thoughts are valid but people will always attempt to explain away the miraculous.

**Zechariah 4:6 – Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit**

- g) David's real weapon – the God of Israel. (mike drop)

Goliath said he defied "*the armies of Israel*" (17:10), David interpreted this as nothing less than defying "*the living God*" (17:26).

**45-47**

2 Chronicles 32:9-19 - *Sennacherib king of Assyria, who was besieging Lachish with all his forces, sent his servants to Jerusalem to Hezekiah king of Judah and to all the people of Judah who were in Jerusalem, saying, <sup>10</sup> "Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, 'On what are you trusting, that you endure the siege in Jerusalem? <sup>11</sup> Is not Hezekiah misleading you, that he may give you over to die by famine and by thirst, when he tells you, "The LORD our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria"? <sup>12</sup> Has not this same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, "Before one altar you shall worship, and on it you shall burn your sacrifices"? <sup>13</sup> Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands at all able to deliver their lands out of my hand? <sup>14</sup> Who among all the gods of those nations that my fathers devoted to destruction was able to deliver his people from my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand? <sup>15</sup> Now, therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or mislead you in this fashion, and do not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to deliver his people from my hand or from the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you*

out of my hand!”<sup>16</sup> And his servants said still more against the LORD God and against his servant Hezekiah.<sup>17</sup> And he wrote letters to cast contempt on the LORD, the God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, “Like the gods of the nations of the lands who have not delivered their people from my hands, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver his people from my hand.”<sup>18</sup> And they shouted it with a loud voice in the language of Judah to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten and terrify them, in order that they might take the city.<sup>19</sup> And they spoke of the God of Jerusalem as they spoke of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men's hands.

**2 Kings 19:35-37** – And that night the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.<sup>36</sup> Then Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went home and lived at Nineveh.<sup>37</sup> And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, struck him down with the sword...

### **Fifth: Jesus as our Greater David**

We often think of this text and say, “Be bold like David.”

But this text is not about David or us. Like Israel, we live in enemy-occupied territory, but Jesus has already won this battle for us.

#### David and Jesus

- Both were descendants of Abraham and of the tribe of Judah.
- Both were born in Bethlehem.
- Both were shepherds.
- David was announced and anointed by Samuel who was miraculously by a barren woman. John the Baptist announced and baptized Jesus Christ. John was conceived miraculously by a barren elderly woman.
- Both were sent by their fathers
- Both were rejected by their brothers and their own people
- Both were misrepresented by others. (Absalom & The Sanhedrin)
- Both were betrayed by a close friends who hung themselves. (Ahithophel & Judas)
- David was “a man after God’s own heart,” and Jesus is God’s heart.
- Both reigned in spite of rejection and rebellion from others.
- Both cast out demons
- Both were disappointed by the actions of those close to them. (Joab & Peter)
- Both wept on the Mount of Olives over the tragedies taking place in Jerusalem.
- Both experienced confrontation in the wilderness (Lion, bear & Satan)

- Both defeated their enemies. (David, the lion, bear and Goliath & Christ, sin and death)
- David was 30 when he became king; Jesus was 30 when he began his ministry
- Both died in Jerusalem
- Both became kings. God has promised David's offspring will establish a throne and kingdom that will last forever (2 Samuel 7:11-16). Jesus Christ is David's offspring, who will have a throne and kingdom lasts forever (Revelation 22:3-16).

Jesus is the greater son, the greater shepherd, the greater suffering servant, the greater wanderer, the greater substitute, the greater warrior, the greater victor, the greater king.

Here is Jesus, the greater son of Bethlehem, the unexpected warrior, the anointed king, consecrated in the shadows, watching over his flock, suffering injustices, betrayed and abandoned, taking our place in battle, stepping into the valley, charging the battle line, defeating the enemy and reigning forever....for us.

### **Conclusion:**

1 - Ill – What would you do if you heard a lion's roar? Run in the opposite direction? That sounds rational. But lions often send the old, feeble lions into a bush to roar, and then the young, strong lions wait for the pray to run in their direction. We have learned in this pandemic that Christians historically, run toward the roar.

- Think wisely
- Act boldly
- Trust Jesus

Why?

**1 Peter 5:8 -** *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

He prowls around and roars because that is all he can do. Jesus is the Greater Lion!!!

2 – We need to know this because the Valley of Elah was not David's last depression. Goliath was not his last giant. Saul is going to try to kill him. Jonathan is going to love the castle more than David. Absalom is going to betray his father. Joab murders Abner. David commits adultery and then murder. He will have many enemies and be his own worst enemy.

**Psalm 27:1-3 & 5-6 –** [David wrote this when fleeing from Doeg the Edomite] *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;*

*though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.... For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble, he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. <sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.*

Let's sing!!!