

REDEMPTION

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01 JOSEPH

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MATTHEW 13:9

“Is There No One Else?”

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INTRO – Troy & Champion Combat

Set the Scene

Nation of Israel, exiled in Egypt, freed by God using Moses, received 10 Commandments at Mt. Sinai... Ultimately entering the promised Land, Israel kept failing “Moral Chaos”... The Book of Samuel Jumps into this scene trying to answer the need with “Wise Faithful Leadership”
Tribes → Judges → Unified Kingdom

1 Samuel 1-3...Birth of Samuel to the barren Hannah, Established in Israel as a Prophet of the Lord

1 Samuel 4-7...Philistines defeat Israel, capture the Ark of the Covenant, God afflicted the people with Tumors until they returned the Ark to Israelites, Samuel called Israel to put away false Gods

1 Samuel 8...Pivotal Chapter. Samuel was aging & Israel demanded a King to be “like all the nations” **v 5-7** and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

1 Samuel 9-15...Saul anointed as 1st King of Israel, won battles, gathered the people... but then failed twice 1) unlawful sacrifice not waiting for Samuel & 2) sparing Agag and the spoil

13:13-14 And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”

15:10-11, 23 The word of the Lord came to Samuel: ¹¹ “I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments.” ... ²³ Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.

1 Samuel 16... Samuel anointed David as the New King of Israel (Jesse’s youngest son – Shepard boy) **v. 7** For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.

Unlike Saul (who was tall and a warrior), David was just a boy (small in stature, not a warrior) ...
He would win the award of Most Likely Not the Next King!

The People Who Couldn't Save Themselves...

1 Samuel 17:1-11 Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. ² And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines. ³ And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. ⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him. ⁸ He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and **are you not servants of Saul?** Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." ¹⁰ And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Observations:

- 1) Philistines do not Fear the God of Israel → Human King "servants of who?"
- 2) Israelites are dismayed and greatly afraid, hiding, no hope

1 Samuel 17:12-18....Forty Days of Torment, Mocking

1 Samuel 17:19-26 Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. ²⁰ And David rose early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and took the provisions and went, as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the encampment as the host was going out to the battle line, shouting the war cry. ²¹ And Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. ²² And David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage and ran to the ranks and went and greeted his brothers. ²³ As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. ²⁴ All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were much afraid. ²⁵ And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. And the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel." ²⁶ And David said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should **defy the armies of the living God?**"

God Provides a Champion

We have all heard of the underdog but this could top the cake...

1 Samuel 17:31-37 *When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul, and he sent for him. ³² And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶ Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"*

David (Youth, Small, No Experience, No Sword, No Armor)

Vs.

Goliath (Giant, Huge, Warrior, Sword, Spear, Armor, Shield)

1 Samuel 17:40-47 *Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. ⁴¹ And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. **For the battle is the Lord's**, and he will give you into our hand."*

David's confidence doesn't make sense, but remember...

1 Samuel 16:12-13 *And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the **Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David** from that day forward.*

1 Samuel 17:48-52 (Victory...does this remind you of anything?)

Genesis 3:15 *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

Are you Fighting for Victory... or From Victory? This is the Gospel Message!

When David kills Goliath, his victory is imputed to Israel. They win without lifting a finger. Tim Keller, "Discovering the Gospel in 1 & 2 Samuel"

David became Israel's Greatest King BUT he also became a great disappointment!

David's story continues...eventually gathers Israel under the name of the Lord, has countless victories over enemy's, is considered a man after God's own Heart BUT... he also has some of the most embarrassing baggage recorded in Scripture (2 Sam 11 & Ps 51)

Jesus – The King forever

IS THERE NO ONE ELSE??

2 Samuel 7:12-13 *When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

WHO IS WORTHY?

Revelation 5:5 *"Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."*

Matthew 27:11 *Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so."*

Finally, our hope is meant to be lifted even higher than David, to a King who will never fail his people. As the ultimate King of the Jews, Jesus is a righteous man who has done no evil, as even his enemies acknowledge. When this ultimate King dies, he saves us from our sin by being forsaken by God in our place. Set against the dark velvet backdrop of David's foolish actions, the diamond of King Jesus's perfect righteousness—and, therefore, his perfect sacrifice for our sins—shines all the more brightly. Ian J. Villiancourt, "Yes, You Can Find Christ in a Text About a Fool"

Which side of the valley are you standing on tonight?

- 1) Fighting Alone 2) Trusting the Champion**



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