

Summer of Great Characters from God's Word

David, "A Man After God's Own
Heart"

Before we even read his name:

13“How foolish!” Samuel exclaimed. “You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you. Had you kept it, the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14But now your kingdom must end, for the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart. The LORD has already appointed him to be the leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD’s command.”

David begins his service

18 One of the servants said to Saul, “One of Jesse’s sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the LORD is with him.”

...21 So David went to Saul and began serving him. Saul loved David very much, and David became his armor bearer.

22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse asking, “Please let David remain in my service, for I am very pleased with him.”

23 And whenever the tormenting spirit from God troubled Saul, David would play the harp. Then Saul would feel better, and the tormenting spirit would go away.

1 Samuel 17

- David responds to Saul
- David responds to Goliath insults
- David stands against Goliath

David “It all started before the Giant”

- He prepared to do the right thing BEFORE the Big Day
- God had prepared David before this day with other victories (lion, bear and others)
- David was a man of worship
- David didn't listen to the voices that said he couldn't do it (even from his family).
- David used the gifts God gave him to defeat Goliath (his talents and BIG FAITH)

David versus Goliath

- Wasn't overcome with fear by the seemingly impossible odds
- Fought for God, not for selfish reasons
- David developed a plan to take down the giant
- David charged Goliath
- David finished the job!
- David's obedience was an inspiration to others