

DAVID & GOLIATH

9 sermons in 9 weeks

with a slingshot addendum

I Samuel 17

- #1. God uses willing people
- #2. God uses prepared people, *David knocking Coke cans off rocks with his slingshot every day*
- #3. God uses little people
- #4. The Battle is the Lord's
- #5. Children obey your parents
- #6. God hates those who hate Him
- #7. We can trust the Lord when we have good reason to be scared stiff.
- #8. Angry because of reproach on God's Name
- #9. No real obstacles to victory

Neither of the following is a principle taught in THIS passage.

- Getting rid of sinful giants in your life, NO! Not a context of David's sins.
- The enemy is vulnerable, so go for his weak spot. NO!

Slingshots, I Sam 17

- Slingshot's maximum lethal distance underhand: 100'-120'
- "A good slinger hurled a stone as far and accurately as a good archer." *from a Roman military manual*
- Recommended ordinance practice at about 200 yards [*some have hurled 400 yds.*]
- 60 mph "capable of inflicting fatal internal injury"
- Golf ball size can have force of 9mm luger, and could at least knock a person out
- Judges 20.16 slingers are accurate to within "a hair breadth"
 - * Shepherd boys around the world can knock a Coke can off a rock at 50' and kill a bird in a tree for dinner.

Kay and I hired an archaeologist as a tour guide for 3 weeks and I brought home from Israel a golf ball sized smooth stone from the Valley of Elah not a mile from where Goliath died. (*Stone possibly "planted" there by a tour guide.*)