

LESSON 7: DAVID THE SEEKER

Biblical Passages: 1 Samuel 17:17–22, 32–37, 45–47, 50; 2 Samuel 7:18–29

By nature we love the satisfaction of finding what we are searching for. That is why hide-and-seek is one of the most beloved children's games of all times and why so many participate in an Easter Egg Hunt every year. There is great fulfillment in successfully obtaining the object of your hunt. Searching for something is not only a child's activity. All people today are searching for something: money, popularity, success, and purpose, just to name a few possibilities. As believers, we must seek God above anything else the world has to offer.

Read 1 Samuel 17:17-22, 32-37, 45-47, 50. David's life serves as an example for how believers today can seek the heart of God. David's pursuit of God started while he was still very young. When sent to the battlefield to check on his brothers, David heard the Philistine giant taunt the Israelite army and their God. The brave soldiers around him were afraid, but instead of following their example, David chose to trust in God. He volunteered to fight the giant who mocked his God. Even though King Saul tried to discourage David from fighting, David stood strong in the face of opposition because he was fiercely committed to completing the will of God. In his decision to fight Goliath, David demonstrated faith rather than fear. Because of his genuine dedication to seeking God's will, the Lord gave David victory in this battle and continued success throughout his life.

Next, read 2 Samuel 7:18-29. Long after the battle with Goliath, David ruled as king over Israel. Even though his position of authority had changed, David's heart for seeking God had not waivered. As king, he gave all glory to God for his position. Even as the most powerful person in the nation, David recognized that he would not have become king in his own power but only through the power of God. David remained humble, pursuing God's will before his own selfish desires. In his prayer, David aligned his request with God's desire to be glorified. Believers today can follow David's example of seeking the heart of God by placing their faith in God's power and pursuing His glory in every situation. Seeking God will prove far more beneficial than any other worldly pursuit.

CONNECTION QUESTIONS

1. What tasks in your life do you feel are unrecognized or undervalued by those around you? How can you serve and glorify God through these tasks?
2. What areas of your life could potentially discourage you from pursuing God's will? How can you shift your focus from these things to focus on the power of God?
3. What current circumstances in your life look like intimidating giants? How can you bring God glory in these situations?
4. What requests are you making of God during your current prayer time? Are there any requests you should revise to focus more on God's glory rather than your own?