

DAVID RUNNING TO GOLIATH! 1 SAM. 17:48-51

Why was David running to Goliath?

I. David ran because he had a reason to be there **for!**

1 Samuel 17:1 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, **which belongeth to Judah**, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. 1 Samuel 17:2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.

1 Samuel 17:29 And David said, What have I now done? *Is there not a cause?*

- **First of all, the Philistines had invaded his home country**
- **Secondly, Goliath was defying...taunting, reproaching, embarrassing, mocking, deriding Israel!**

1 Samuel 17:10 And the Philistine said, **I defy** the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

1 Samuel 17:25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely **to defy** Israel is he come up: and it shall be, *that* the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

1 Samuel 17:26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the **reproach** from Israel? for who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that **he should defy** the armies of the living God?

1 Samuel 17:36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing **he hath defied** the armies of the living God.

1 Samuel 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom **thou hast defied**.

Nehemiah 1:1 THE words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, Nehemiah 1:2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. Nehemiah 1:3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province **are in great affliction and reproach**: the wall of Jerusalem also *is* broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. Nehemiah 1:4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

Nehemiah 2:17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, **that we be no more a reproach**.

Nehemiah 5:9 Also I said, It *is* not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God **because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?**

Nehemiah 6:13 Therefore *was* he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, **that they might reproach me**.

Some run from...

Some do nothing...

Some run to...

II. David ran because he had been there **before!**

1 Samuel 17:31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed *them* before Saul: and he sent for him. 1 Samuel 17:32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with

this Philistine. **1 Samuel 17:33** And Saul said to David, **Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.**

1 Samuel 17:34 And David said unto Saul, **Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: 1 Samuel 17:35** And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

1 Samuel 17:36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be **as** one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. **1 Samuel 17:37** David said moreover, **The LORD** that delivered me **out of** the paw of the lion, **and out of** the paw of the bear, he will deliver me **out of** the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

David's thoughts:

- You are wrong Saul!
- I've been here before!
- In fact, more than once!
- The Lord delivered me from the **Lion**!
- The Lord also delivered me from the **Bear**!
- The Lord will deliver me from **this Philistine** also!
- Looking back in faith helps me look forward in faith!
- The Lord's deliverance in the wilderness of Judah leads to the Lord's deliverance in the valley of Elah

2 Corinthians 1:10 Who **delivered** us from so great a death, and **doth deliver**: in whom we trust that he will **yet deliver us**;

2 Timothy 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was **delivered out of the mouth of the lion.** **2 Timothy 4:18** And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and **will preserve me** unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Keep your mementos!

III. David ran because of a true *esprit de corps*!

1 Samuel 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee **in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel**, whom thou hast defied.

1 Samuel 17:46 This day will **the LORD** deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.**

1 Samuel 17:47 And all this assembly shall know that **the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's**, and he will give you into our hands.