

**Big Idea:** *In 1 Samuel chapter 17, we come to the well-known story of David and Goliath. It's familiar, but it's easy to get the point of emphasis wrong. It's not a primarily story about courage or the little guy standing up to the big guy, although those matters do occur. What is this narrative really about?*

## I. Introduction

The metaphor of “David and Goliath” is now entrenched in the English language. What does the metaphor mean?

Does the Bible talk about “underdogs”?

## II. Background

1 Sam. 17:1-11

What do we know about Gath?

Who were the Anakim?

Why was Goliath called a “Champion”?

Who should be Israel’s “Champion”?

## III. David

1 Sam. 17:12-30

How is David portrayed in these verses?

## IV. Lessons

Is David and Goliath an “underdog story”? Why or why not?

“We tend to treat biblical stories, as nice stories with morals.” - What does this mean?

What should we look for in stories of the Bible?

How is David like Joshua?