

Sermon Notes for July 18, 2010

**Sermon Series On**  
**The Life of David**  
**A Life Of Great Success And Great Failure**  
**“How God Used David To Slay Goliath”**  
**Selected Scripture from**  
**I Samuel 17**

Legend has it that Notre Dame’s Coach, **Knute Rockne**, was about to face The University of Southern California football team. Rockne knew that USC was a far superior team, but wondered if there was any way that he could defeat them. Then he had an idea. He scoured the city of South Bend, Indiana, for about **a hundred of the biggest men he could find**. When he had found about a hundred men, each at least **six-foot-five and weighing in at three hundred pounds or more**, he put them all in Notre Dame uniforms. With their shoulder pads and the helmets, they looked even bigger. Then, when it was time for the game to begin, Rockne sent these men out of the locker room **first**. As the USC team watched, they just kept coming, and coming until these hundred men were all the players that USC team saw. The USC coach kept telling his team, **“They can only field eleven men at a time.” But the damage had been done**. None of these men ever played one minute of the game. USC became so intimidated at the sight of these men that they were unable to function, and Notre Dame won the game.

**Introduction**

**A. We Have All Heard “David And Goliath Stories.”**

1. In the movie **“Hoosiers”**, **Jimmy Chitwood** hits the last second shot for the small town of Hickory to win the **1951 Indiana State Championship**. Hoosiers was based on a true story of the small town of **Milan, Indiana** which defeated **Muncie Central in 1954** to become the smallest school to win the **Indiana State Championship**.
2. **Billy Jean King played Bobby Riggs in 1973 in a tennis match**. No one but Billy Jean King thought she could win. She defeated previous Olympic champion Riggs 6-4; 6-3; 6-3. 30,472 witnessed the event at the Houston Astrodome.
3. The **1980 Olympic Games** took place in Lake Placid, NY where the US Hockey team, comprised of collegiate players, defeated the professionals of the Soviet Union. Who can forget broadcaster Al Michaels shouting . . . **“Do you believe in miracles?”**

**B. We Will Look At The Original “David And Goliath Story”**

1. There are so many stories of impossible situations in Scripture where God worked a miracle.
2. But there is one story that REALLY stands out . . . the story of David and Goliath.
  - a. perhaps one of the best known stories in all of the Bible
  - b. where we find out just what this young man, David, is all about.

## I. GOLIATH CHALLENGES ISRAEL.

### A. The CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CHALLENGE.

#### 1. The scene.

- a. The armies of the Philistines and Israel were facing each other in the valley of Elah.
  1. The valley was approximately 1 mile across with a stream dividing the two sides of the valley.
  2. At this point, the two armies were standing on their respective sides in their own territory.
  3. Israel had previously defeated the Philistines, so there was a “revenge factor” on the part of the Philistines.
- b. The armies were actually ½ mile away from one another.

#### 2. The standoff.

- a. In a sense, it was a “Mexican standoff” in that no one was willing to make the first move.
- b. What made this challenge so interesting was that one of the Philistine challengers was HUGE!

**I Samuel 17:4** – “**A champion named Goliath**, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall.”

1. **Verse 4** says that he was at least nine feet tall.
2. Actually, the Hebrew reveals that he was:
  - a. Six cubits @ 17 ½ inches
  - b. A span @ 6 inches.
  - c. **Totaled 9 feet, 6 inches**
  - d. Not to mention his arms when fully extended.
  - e. Goliath was truly a giant.
3. Goliath was a descendant of the Anakim or the Nephilian people spoken of in Exodus.
  - a. When Moses sent the twelve spies into the promised land, the spies said that they saw giants in the land. **Numbers 13:31-34** – “But the men who had gone up with him said, “**We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are.**” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. **All the people we saw there are of great size.** We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). **We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.**”
  - b. They saw a land full of Goliaths and decided not to enter the land.
    1. the Nephilim (slide)
    2. tall-man (slide)

- c. This giant Philistine came forth to challenge the king of Israel.
  - 1. It was a middle eastern custom for one man from one army to challenge another man from the other army for a “representative battle”
  - 2. Each man would represent his own army for a winner take all.

## B. The CAUTION OF THE CHALLENGE

### 1. The armor of Goliath.

- a. Besides being a giant, Goliath came onto the battlefield in an impressive coat of armor.

**I Samuel 17:5-7** – “He had a **bronze helmet on his head** and wore a **coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels**; on his **legs he wore bronze greaves**, and a **bronze javelin** was slung on his back. His **spear shaft** was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

- 1. He wore a **bronze helmet** on his head covering up most of his head.
- 2. He was covered with a **coat of mail** weighing 5000 shekels; weighing approximately 125 lbs.
- 3. He wore **bronze shin guards**.
- 4. A **sword** was slung over his back.
- 5. He held a **javelin** with an iron point, weighing 15 lbs.
- 6. And in front of him was a **shield bearer** who carried a shield as big as a man.
- 7. Slide

- b. Goliath was not only physically imposing, he seemed impenetrable

### 2. The attitude of Goliath.

- a. As if it wasn't enough to face a giant totally outfitted in protective armor, Goliath also had a “giant attitude.”

- 1. Goliath first of all, called out to Israel to send a representative to fight him.

**I Samuel 17:8-10** – “Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “**Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.**” Then the Philistine said, “**This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.**”

- a. In fact, verse 4 says that he was a “champion” from Gath, therefore, Goliath had never lost a battle.
- b. In verse 8, the Hebrew actually says: “**AM I NOT THE PHILISTINE.**”
- c. In a sense, he is saying **I AM THE GREATEST . . .** imagine a 9-foot Muhammed Ali screaming at you boastfully.

2. **Verse 16** says that this taunting continued for 40 days and 40 nights both morning and evening!  
“For forty days the Philistine came forward **every morning** and **evening** and took his stand.”

**b. WHY WOULDN'T SOMEONE FROM ISRAEL STEP OUT TO MEET GOLIATH'S CHALLENGE?**

**C. The COWARDICE Of The Israelites**

**1. The fear of the Israelites.**

**I Samuel 17:11** – “On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were **dismayed and terrified.**”

- a. The Israelites were terrified of Goliath
    1. dismayed
      - a. broken
      - b. beaten down
      - c. shattered
    2. terrified (2 Hebrew words)
      - a. greatly; exceeding
      - b. stand in awe; reverence
  - b. No one responded and no one was going to respond to Goliath's taunts
- 2. The fear of the king.**
- a. notice something else about Saul –
    1. He was **politically** the best match for Goliath.
      - a. He was the commander of the army of Israel
      - b. He was their leader but, he like his army, did not go out to meet Goliath
    2. He was **physically** the best match for Goliath.
      - a. Saul was a “head taller” than all of the other Israelites
      - b. Saul was one of the five Israelite soldiers who had a coat of armor, like Goliath
      - c. Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin, who were known for their skill with a sling.

**b. BUT SAUL WOULD NOT FACE THE GIANT!**

**II. DAVID CHALLENGES GOLIATH.**

**A. A Most UNLIKELY HERO.**

1. David, the youngest of Jesse's sons, was sent to care for his brothers on the battlefield.
  - a. The oldest three brothers of David were at the scene of the standoff
    1. Eliab – the oldest son
    2. Abinidab – the second oldest son
    3. Shammah – the third oldest son
  - b. Because they had been there for 40 days and nights, they were hungry.
    1. David was sent with food for the “front.”
      - a. An ephah of grain – ½ bushel of parched grain
      - b. 10 loaves of flat bread
      - c. Ten small soft cheeses for their commander
    2. At this point, David was simply running an errand for his father.

2. We must also realize that for the last 40 days David had been tending the sheep for his father.
  - a. He had no idea what had been going on on the battlefield.
  - b. He had never seen nor heard of a soldier named Goliath.

## **B. A Most FAITHFUL HERO.**

1. David's **difficulty**.
  - a. As soon as David reached the battlefield, he left his supplies with the supply officer and raced to the front to see his brothers.
  - b. As the battle lines were being drawn once again, David overheard the sound of Goliath, the same sound that the Israelites had been hearing for 40 days.

**I Samuel 17:20-24** – “Early in the morning David left the flock with a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and greeted his brothers. **As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. When the Israelites saw the man, they all ran from him in great fear.**”

- c. **DAVID COULD NOT BELIEVE WHAT HE WAS SEEING AND HEARING!**
  1. David couldn't believe the **arrogance of this Philistine**.  
**Vs. 26** – “David asked the men standing near him, **“What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?”**”
  2. David couldn't believe the **cowardice of the Israelites!**

2. David's **detractors**.
  - a. David's **attitude was questioned**.
    1. No sooner did David speak than his older brother Eliab confronted him. **Vs. 28** – “When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, **‘Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.’**”
      - a. The original Hebrew said in verse 28 – “Why did you **really** come down here?”
      - b. Eliab was definitely questioning David's motives.
      - c. perhaps Eliab, the older brother, was still mad that he was not chosen the next King of Israel, **INSTEAD OF HIS LITTLE BROTHER.**
    2. Also, Eliab ridiculed David in verse 28. He said to David, **“And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert?”**

**b. David's ability was questioned.**

1. King Saul overheard that there could be a challenger to Goliath, so he sent for the challenger, no matter who it was.

2. Upon looking at the teenager, Saul ridiculed David.

**Vs. 33** – “Then Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; **for you are but a youth** while he has been a warrior from his youth."

a. The Hebrew word boy:

1. young man
2. child
3. babe
4. boy

b. however, Saul was so desperate that he might just send David to fight the giant

**3. David's determination.**

a. David did not see what the “big deal was”

1. after all David had fought lions and bears to protect his sheep

**Vs. 34-37a** – ” But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a **lion** or a **bear** came and carried off a sheep from the flock, **I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth.** When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. **Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear;** this **uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them**, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The LORD who delivered me from the **paw of the lion** and the **paw of the bear** will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

2. David mentioned the “paw” of the lion and the “paw” of the bear

- a. the lion used its “paws” because it already had the sheep in its jaws
- b. imagine the “paws” of a standing bear – about the same size of Goliath

b. David had been in this same situation before. This time, it's “simply” a big man.

**C. A Most SUCCESSFUL HERO**

**1. David's defense**

**a. Saul's plan**

1. Saul thought that David's only hope was to put his armor on David

**Vs. 38** – “**Then Saul clothed David with his garments and put a bronze helmet on his head, and he clothed him with armor.**”

2. Saul had no other plan than a soldier's plan

## b. David's plan

1. However, as David attempted to walk in Saul's heavy armor, he told Saul;  
Vs. 39 – "And David girded his sword over his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. So David said to Saul, "**I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.**" And David took them off."
  - a. David took off Saul's armor
  - b. and used the weapon that he was most familiar with – the sling
2. David was an absolute master of the sling
  - a. the sling was a weapon where a small piece of leather was connected to two long leather straps (Slide)
  - b. a rock would be placed in the leather pouch, and then thrown at the intended object
  - c. some believe that a rock thrown by a skilled slinger could reach 100 mph.
  - d. **Judges 20:16** says that the Benjamite army had 700 chosen **men who could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.**
3. as David entered the battlefield, he simply stooped down at the stream and picked up 5 smooth stones to use as his ammunition  
**Vs. 40** – "Then he took his staff in his hand, **chose five smooth stones from the stream**, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine."
  - a. some believe that one stone was for Goliath
  - b. while the other 4 stones were for the sons of Goliath
  - c. if so, David came as a one man wrecking crew!

## 2. Goliath's disdain

- a. Goliath's **evaluation of David**
  1. Goliath **discerned David**
    - a. perhaps Goliath simply saw the figure of someone walking toward him
    - b. and then he realized that it was actually a boy
  2. Goliath **despised David**  
**Vs. 42** – "He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, **and he despised him.**"
    - a. Goliath then realized that David was a boy
    - b. and that he was handsome
      1. good looking
      2. beautiful
      3. "a pretty boy"
      4. looked like one of the Jonas brothers

- c. and Goliath despised him
        - 1. to disdain
        - 2. to hold in contempt
        - 3. as if to say, you did not send me a worthy soldier, but a member of the Partridge Family!
  - b. Goliath's **expressions about David**
    - 1. Goliath **felt disrespected**

**Vs. 43a** – “He said to David, **"Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?"**

      - a. All that Goliath could see in David's hand was a staff. Apparently, David wanted to hide his sling from Goliath
      - b. As if David thought that all that it would take was a stick to defeat Goliath
    - 2. Goliath **brought curses down on David**

**Vs. 43b** – “And **the Philistine cursed David by his gods.**

      - a. Goliath was so incensed by the appearance of David that he cursed David loudly
      - b. As well as calling for his gods to bring a curse on David
    - 3. Goliath **threatened David**

**Vs. 44** – “Come here," he said, **"and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"**

      - a. The Hebrew language assumed that Goliath would win the battle convincingly
      - b. After he killed David, he would leave David's body to be eaten by wild animals
3. David's **declaration**
  - a. David's **protest to Goliath**

**Vs. 45** – “David said to the Philistine, **"You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."**

    - 1. apparently, David **BOLDLY** stood his ground, **DECLARING** that Goliath had **WRONGLY** threatened him with his sword and spear
    - 2. unlike he, who **CAME ONLY IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.**
  - b. David's **prediction to Goliath**

**Vs. 46-47** – “**This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."**

1. IN FACT, David told this 9-foot giant, God will give David the victory.
  2. and he will cut Goliath's head off
  3. and the Philistine army will be slaughtered
- 4.. Goliath's **death**
- a. by now, David had incensed the Philistine giant, and Goliath began to run toward David to kill him.
  - b. David, who had apparently been hiding his sling, slipped one of the 5 smooth rocks that he had just picked up in the stream into the sling and threw it at the head of the Philistine.
  - c. with pinpoint accuracy, David hit the Philistine in the only spot in his forehead that was not protected by his helmet
  - d. **Phillip Keller** – “The next instant the giant crashed down the slope, face forward, the blood spurted from the skull shattered by the rock. **It was as if he had been struck by a bullet.**”
  - e. as soon as Goliath fell, David ran to his fallen body, grabbed the giant's sword and cut off his head. **Keller** – “David rushed up to the prostrate form as Goliath's armor bearer fled in panic. **Picking up the giant's massive sword, he severed his head, the blood and gore spurting from the jugular vein.**”
  - f. after that, the entire Philistine army scattered and was slaughtered by the Israelites, just as David had predicted that it would.

### III. DAVID CHALLENGES US.

#### A. What Do WE LEARN FROM THE STORY OF DAVID AND GOLIATH?

1. So many preachers and commentaries say that we must learn to deal with our “own Goliaths” as we look at the story of David and Goliath.
  - a. whether you have “giant” problems at work
  - b. or “giant” challenges with sickness
  - c. or “giant” problems with another person.
2. That is certainly one way that you can look at this story.

#### B. Here Are SOME OF THE LESSONS TAUGHT TO US BY DAVID

1. **You don't have to be a wise, older person in order to be used by God.**
  - a. as I have said before, David was probably a young teenager
  - b. but, this was a teenager who:
    1. had a passion for God
    2. had a deep, deep love for God
    3. fought a 9-foot giant with a sling WHEN NO SOLDIER IN ISRAEL'S ARMY WOULD CHALLENGE GOLIATH, EVEN KING SAUL
  - c. young, Godly people can make a huge difference in the Kingdom of God
    1. **Joseph and Mary** were probably teenagers when God called to them to be the parents of the Messiah
    2. **Jeremiah**, one of the greatest prophets in the Bible, was called of God “when he was a child”

**Jeremiah 1:6-8** – ““Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; **I am only a child.**" But the LORD said to me, "**Do not say, 'I am only a child.'** You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. **Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,**" declares the LORD.”

3. **Hudson Taylor**, who took the gospel to India, committed to being a missionary **at age 17**
4. **David Brainerd**, a missionary to the American Indians, wrote in his journal on his **24<sup>th</sup> birthday**: “I hardly ever so longed to live for God and to be altogether devoted to Him. **I wanted to wear out my life in His service and for His glory.**”
5. **David Livingston**, left to be a missionary to Africa **at age 28**
6. **Jim Elliot** went to Ecuador to reach the Auca Indian, **at age 25**.
7. **Fanny Crosby**, who at 6 weeks old, lost her sight because of a Doctor’s wrong treatment, wrote some 8000 hymns during her life. **At age 8**, she wrote these verses:

Oh what a happy soul I am,  
Although I cannot see:  
I am resolved that in this world  
Contented I will be.

How many blessings I enjoy,  
That other people don’t;  
To weep and sigh because I’m blind,  
I cannot, and I won’t.

- d. God has done and can do great things through the lives of young people
  1. pray for it
  2. **AND EXPECT IT**
2. **David learned to hear the voice of God over other voices; “the world, the flesh and the devil.”**
  - a. David did not listen to the voice of “**the world**”
    1. David’s own brother, Eliab, verbally attacked him when he got to the battlefield.
      - a. David was the youngest of 8 sons
      - b. Eliab was the oldest of 8 sons
      - c. the oldest son was the most respected and most revered of all of the sons
      - d. David did not let his oldest brother deter him
    2. If you are a Christian;
      - a. you may not be popular
      - b. you may not be heard
      - c. J. H. and A. G.
    3. **John 15:18-19** – “**If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.** If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I

have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”

- b. David did not listen to the “**voice of the flesh**”
  1. before David went into battle, King Saul tried to put his armor on David
    - a. Saul did not think that David had “a chance” against Goliath without armor and protection
    - b. armor was the “flesh’s” way to win a war
  2. today, the Godly believer cannot be caught up with the “ways of the flesh; or the ways of the world.”
    - a. the way of the world to achieve happiness
      1. work is the number one priority
      2. making money is the goal
      3. being popular in high school will determine my life
    - b. the way of the world to grow a church
      1. show my books or church growth
      2. church planting in the 80’s and 90’s; telemarketing
      3. my sabbatical
        - a. huge churches
        - b. lots of music
        - c. little teaching
        - d. don’t offend the sinner
        - e. “cool Christianity”
      4. Scripture
        - a. **Acts 2:42** – “They devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”
        - b. **Acts 6:1-4** – “In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “**It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the Word of God in order to wait on tables.** Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. **We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word.**”

5. **Bill Hybels** – On confessing that they had a wrong philosophy of ministry for the past 30 years. “We made a mistake. What we should have done when people crossed the line of faith and become Christians, **we should have started telling people and teaching people that they have to take responsibility to become ‘self feeders.’** We should have gotten people and taught people how to read their Bibles between services, how to do spiritual practices much more aggressively on their own”
- c. David did not listen to the **“voice of the devil”**
1. while Goliath was not Satan, in my opinion, Goliath could have easily been used by Satan
    - a. do you realize who David was and would be?
      1. yes, David was the anointed King of Israel
        - a. if Goliath kills David
        - b. then God did not “know” what he was doing to anoint a man to be king who never actually served as king.
      2. David was the one through whom would come the Messiah
        - a. If Goliath kills David there will be no Messiah – no Savior
        - b. what a perfect opportunity for Satan to ruin God’s plan for man’s salvation
    - b. **DAVID HAD TO BE VICTORIOUS OVER GOLIATH**
  2. The devil will:
    - a. attack you
    - b. berate you
    - c. don’t forget:
      1. Christ “convicts”
      2. Satan “condemns”
3. **David was able to succeed because God’s Spirit was upon him**
- a. Remember what happened when David was anointed king over Israel?  
**I Samuel 16:13a** – “So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brother, **and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power”**
    1. David would have a passion for the Lord because **God’s Spirit gave him that passion**
    2. David believed that he could challenge a 9-foot giant because **God’s Spirit gave him that courage.**
  - b. However, please do not think that you can be “like David” in your own power
    1. you can only live a life of spiritual passion and blessings if God’s Spirit is upon you, just like David.

2. notice what happened to David when God's Spirit was "removed."
  - a. The heading of the Psalm 51  
**Psalm 51:1-** "For the director of music. **A Psalm of David.** When the prophet Nathan came to him **after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.**"
  - b. **NOTICE PSALM 51:10-12** – "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. **Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."
  - c. **DAVID WAS NOT A SPIRITUAL SUPERMAN!**
    1. David was "just like any other man"
      - a. If David walked in the power of the Spirit, he could confidently and boldly slay a 9-foot giant
      - b. **HOWEVER**, if David did not have the filling of the Holy Spirit, he could, instead, first commit adultery with Bathsheba, and then consciously and premeditatedly send the innocent husband of Bathsheba to his death
    2. **WE ARE THE SAME – WE CANNOT SERVE GOD FAITHFULLY WITHOUT THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

## Conclusion

1. **OH, WHAT GOD'S SPIRIT CAN DO IN THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS!.**
2. At this time in his life, despite the fact that he was a teenager, God worked mightily through David as he killed a 9-foot giant.
3. **SPIRITUALITY IS NOT ABOUT AGE, IT IS ALL ABOUT AVAILABILITY.**
4. The great evangelist **George Finney** once wrote how God gave him mighty infillings of the Holy Spirit "**that went through me, as it seemed, body and soul.** I immediately found myself endued with such power from on high as a few words dropped here and there to individuals were the means of their immediate conversion. My words seemed to fasten like barbed arrows in the souls of men. They cut like a sword. They broke the heart like a hammer. Multitudes can attest to this. . . Sometimes, however, I would find myself in a great measure, empty of this power. I would go and visit, and find that I made no saving impression. I would exhort and pray with the same results. **I would then set apart a day for private fasting and prayer. After humbling myself and crying out for help, the power would return upon me with all its freshness. This has been the experience of my life.**"
5. Do you want to make an impact like young David? Seek the filling of God's powerful, enabling Holy Spirit.