

**THE LIFE OF DAVID:  
5 STONES OF CONVICTION TO GUIDE YOUR LIFE**  
*1 Samuel 17*

In taking provisions to his brothers, David wanders close to the battlefield and hears Goliath spewing blasphemy against God and his people. The king and all Israel were “dismayed and terrified” (v.11), but David was appalled at what he heard. In this encounter with Goliath one discovers that David’s life was driven by godly convictions that propelled him into becoming Israel’s greatest king.

*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. v.40*

**5 STONES OF CONVICTION TO GUIDE YOUR LIFE**

1. Life is not **ABOUT ME OR MY FAMILY.**

*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...** v.47*

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Matthew 16.24*

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12.1*

2. I’m on a **MISSION FROM GOD**

*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...**” v.45*

Matthew 22.34-40

*Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

Matthew 28.18-20

3. God has **EQUIPPED ME** for his purposes.

*Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them... v.36*

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts... A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 1 Corinthians 12.4, 7 NLT*

4. Jesus **HAS MY BACK.** I go out into the world **WITH CONFIDENCE.**

*“The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear **will rescue me** from the hand of this Philistine.” v.37*

*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28.20*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23.4*

5. In all things, I will **GLORIFY GOD.** *This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, **and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.** vv.46-47*

*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10.31*

What convictions guide your life?

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**