

What made David a hero in David and Goliath?

David was just a boy when he killed Goliath. He had extraordinary faith that made him to feel in his bones that he could win. The king believed him and allowed him because of his confidence, plus no one else was willing to try, not even the king himself! David was very sure that God would provide a winning outcome for the Israelites simply because they were God's chosen people. God would not let them down. So are WE God's chosen people! We are grafted into the nation of Israel and have rights to the same favor if we keep God's covenant.

David loved God and was willing to serve and fight for God's name and glory. Can we say we have the same boldness and willingness? It is ours for the taking. Reading the story of David and Goliath helps us to adopt David's boldness and faith in God's plan. "...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands." 1 Samuel 17:46-47. Our response is our willingness to fight and allow the Lord to lead us. We may not all be warriors, but we are all soldiers for Christ. And so we fight in different ways: through prayer, our sacrifice of service, our faithful learning of God's promises we can claim, etc. We are winners because we have God's favor.

David never looked down at his tiny body. He looked up toward God. He looked to his memories of success in defeating the lion and the bear. He prayed. He picked up five little stones and went quickly. Before anyone could object to his bringing a sling to a sword-fight, he swung that stone around and around, and BOOOMMM!!!! That giant never knew what hit him! Goliath's head was cut off, someone yelled, "Charge!!!", and the Philistines ran. "And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road..... even as far as Gath and Ekron." 1 Sam 17:52.

David became king and he also became a writer of many Psalms. Through David came the inspiration, wisdom, prayers, songs, and poetry of the Psalms. Even so, we also can write songs, letters, tracts, and articles to tell others about God. God gives gifts to those who ask for them and follow through with effort. Yes, we can be like this hero David!!!