

# BBC Bible Study Outline – 2/23/25 – David: A Man After God’s Own Heart

## 1 Samuel 17

In Acts 13, Paul gives a nutshell of Israel’s history with a focus on the Jesus Christ the Messiah, but in doing so, gives a wonderful description of David.

Acts 13:16-23 – v. 22 “**He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’**”

Key statement: **God can take the life of anyone who’s submitted to Him and use them for His glory in ways they could never imagine!**

Read 1 Samuel 17:1-51

3 ways that David evidenced his faith that we can replicate in our lives

### 1. Faith in Preparation

David showed faith in his preparation because:

- 1) His motivation was anchored in the glory of God (v. 26, 36)
- 2) He was prayerfully prepared (v. 47)
- 3) He had chosen to fight giants before (i.e. a lion and a bear) (v. 34-35)
- 4) He was skilled with a sling (v. 40)

❖ Faith lesson: **We need to prepare ourselves for God’s use!**

- Question: *How are you preparing yourself right now?*

### 2. Faith in Speech

4 times David speaks in this account... each to a different audience... each revealing what was in his heart: faith

- 1) V. 26 – David speaks to the Israelite soldiers
- 2) V. 29 – David speaks to Eliab his older brother
- 3) V. 32-39 – David speaks to King Saul
- 4) V. 45-47 – David speaks to Goliath

- Question: *What is something you see in each of David’s verbal interactions?*

❖ Faith lesson: **We need to ask, “What do my words say about my heart?”**

### 3. Faith in Action

4 little glimpses of David’s faith in action:

- 1) He gathered stones for battle (v. 40)
- 2) He ran toward Goliath (v. 48)
- 3) He slung a stone (v. 49)
- 4) He finished the job (v. 51)

❖ Faith lesson: **We need to walk in the Spirit and by faith, obey the Lord!**