

# Sermon Outline

## Morning's First Shadow: David & Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-54

**Introduction:** Ways that this most well-known text has been preached

**Context:** David the unknown shepherd boy becomes a hero overnight

### I. 1-26 – The Combatants introduced

vs. 1-23: Goliath of Gath vs. David of Bethlehem

vs. 24-25: Israel's cowering army

vs. 26: David finally speaks!

### II. 27-47 – Preliminary battles

vs. 27-30: Eliab – David's older brother's accusation

vs. 31-37: Saul – "You're not qualified"

David's faith-filled reply (34-37)

The Lord prepares us through prior challenges (Ro 5:3-4)

vs. 39-40: Saul's armor

vs. 41-47: A war of words

### III. 48-55 – The battle and its aftermath

vs. 48-49: A first-round knockout

Goliath's skull is crushed! (Gen 3:15)

vs. 50-51: Killed by his own sword

vs. 52-54: When David wins, Israel wins (Ro 5:15-19)

### IV. The lessons learned from the story of David and Goliath

David's faith *is* inspirational

David's greatest concern is the glory of God

God is glorified in weakness (Ps 20:7, 147:10-11, 2 Co 12:9)

The Son of David's human weakness

Morning's first shadow (Mark 16:2-6)