

The Life of David (3): In the Valley of Elah

1 Samuel 17

I. The Truth about Adversity

- A. Adversity touches everyone
(John 16:33; Acts 14:22; 1 Peter 4:12; James 1:2).
- B. Adversity can be a deadly discouragement or God's greatest tool for advancing spiritual growth
(v.11, 24-27, 34-37; Psalm 23:4; Romans 5:2-5; 1 Peter 5:10).

II. David and Eliab

- A. Jealousy promotes anger and cruelty
(v.27; Genesis 4:6-8, 27:41, 37:4, 18-20; 1 Samuel 18:8-15, 25-29, 19:9-10, c.24, c.26).
- B. We need to choose our battles wisely (v. 29-30).

III. David, Saul, and Goliath

- A. We should encourage young people to be bold and courageous in their service for God (v.33, 42; 2 Kings 22-23; Luke 2:46-47; 1 Timothy 4:12).
- B. God calls us to serve Him with our unique talents and abilities (vv.38-40).
- C. Consistent victories are the result of persistent trust in God
(vv.49-54; Hebrews 11:1).