

DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY  
AFTERMATH OF A GIANT-KILLING  
1 SAMUEL 17:55–18:9



### The Heart of the Matter

If the old proverb is correct, “The darkest hour is just before the dawn,” then we might also say, “The toughest trial is just after victory.” David found this to be true. Following his battle with Goliath, in the backwash of that great victory, David stepped into an arena which was almost more than he could take. Knowing it was coming, God graciously provided him with a close, understanding friend. His name was Jonathan. Let’s take a look at what followed on the heels of David’s victory — and see how much it reflects our experience today.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Review: A Giant Slain

David had just completed a remarkable achievement — a fresh-faced, teenaged boy defeating the battle-hardened giant, Goliath. This yielded David instant popularity throughout the land.

#### 2. Relationships: Four Different Experiences (1 Samuel 17:55–18:9)

David’s victory created four different relationship experiences: submission to Saul, affection for Jonathan, exaltation over Israel, and opposition from Saul.

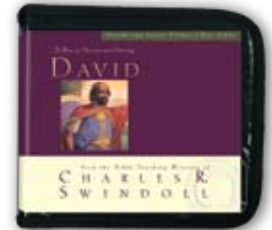


### Starting Your Journey

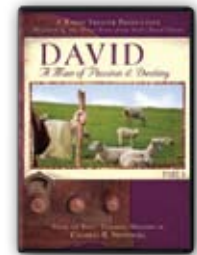
The aftermath of this victory reminds us that not knowing the future forces us to trust one day at a time, that having a friend helps us face whatever comes our way, and that being positive and wise is the best reaction to an enemy.



### Tools for Digging Deeper



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