



# **The Mismatch of 1 Samuel 17**

# Mismatch

- **An unsuitable, unfavorable match.**
- **Often seen in sports, particularly in youth sports.**

# Apparent Mismatch

- **In one corner: the champion giant from Gath, Goliath.**
  - **1 Samuel 17:4**
- **In the other corner: a youthful, inexperienced, and good-looking shepherd boy: David.**
  - **1 Samuel 17:42**

# Apparent Mismatch

- **Should David throw in the towel?**
  - **He should never have entered the ring.**
- **1 Samuel 17:31-33**
- **1 Samuel 17:38, 39**
- **1 Samuel 17:42, 43**

# The Fight

- **1 Samuel 17:44**
- **1 Samuel 17:45-47**
- **1 Samuel 17:48-51**
- **The underdog wins!**

# Real Mismatch

- **The real mismatch is not between David and Goliath but between the gods of Goliath and the God of David.**
- **1 Samuel 17:43 vs. 1 Samuel 17:45-47**
  - **The gods of Goliath were no challenge for the true God of the armies of Israel.**

# The Battle is the Lord's

- **God is often depicted as being superior to idols and foreign gods.**
  - **1 Kings 18:20-40 (Baal vs. God)**
  - **Isaiah 44:2 vs. 44:9, 10**
  - **Isaiah 45:20 vs. 45:22**
  - **While idols are carried away (46:1, 2), God has always carried Israel (46:3, 4).**



# If God Is On Our Side

- **God grants us His might. Ephesians 1:17-20; 3:14-16, 20, 21**
- **We are on the right side of the mismatch against:**
  - **Temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13**
  - **The evil one. Ephesians 6:10-12, 16**