

David & Goliath (1 Samuel 17: 40)

- chosen & anointed king late teens.....around 30 yrs. when actually became King
 - Israel & Philistines at war...huge valley middle two armies
 - Goliath: 40 days twice daily blasphemed
 - 9'9"....Shaquille 7'1", 320 lbs....Andre the Giant 7'6", over 500
 - Armor 125 lbs...spear tip 15 lb...youth army
 - Jesse sent David...Saul's armor not fit...**5 smooth stones**
 - not rough, smooth...rough stages that smoothed out David's rough edges
 - Mile markers...what going through his mind when picking up stones?
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1) *Call Stone*

- 2 Peter 1:10, "be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure"
 - no phone or doorbell...my calling 10 yrs. Ago
 - you be next year...3, 7, 10 yrs?
 - Isaiah 41:4, "Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the Lord, with the first of them and with the last, I am he!"
 - Curious...Convicted...Convinced
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2) *Vision Stone*

- In 1 Samuel 16, anointed King, from then on David had vision of being King of Israel...yet started in sheep fields
 - His vision not logical → my janitor vision...global evangelism
 - Mentor, "God may not always lead us logically...always leads Theologically."
 - teenager herding sheep with vision of King
 - Vision needs to be beyond self...neighborhood vision, city vision, world vision
 - Your vision?...what area of ministry service the Lord have for you?
 - 1) Intangible call...what do you like to do.
 - 2) Spiritual gifts to match the call...what are you good at.
 - 3) Confirmation from the Body of Christ...what do others see in you.
 - 4) Open Doors...what opportunities are being presented to you.
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3) *Preparation Stone*

- Silent stage...hardest stage
 - Breaks our strengths...strengthen our weaknesses
 - Bible says 1 Samuel 17, David fought bears, lions...prepared for Goliath
 - ✓ minor leagues...harness zeal, sharpens potential
 - ✓ learn humility... Daniel 4:37, “those who walk in pride he is able to humble.”
 - ✓ David feeding, bathing sheep...me janitor, very humbling washing toilets
 - Strips flesh, pride, self-reliance, programmed by world system...unlearn
 - Preparation phase also time to work through emotional wounds...elaborate
 - Americas Funniest Home Videos...set up movie containers.
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4) *Action Stone*

- 1st three stones being principles, 4th is doing...begin where we are.
 - steer parked car...Philippians 2:13
 - Deacon in church, “I already know more than I am doing”
 - faith in action...witnessing, church, giving—me baseball practice
 - read verse 1 Samuel 17: 48, “As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him.”
 - Combination of faith and action of one young boy changed direction of an entire nation...what are your giants...fear of sharing Jesus...missions...giving up control
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5) *Foundation Stone*

- picked up five but threw just one—most important
 - Foundation is Jesus...Matt, Mark, Luke—cornerstone
 - David look forward, we look back
 - Gospel...my salvation 18 years ago
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- Mile marker...which stone you have in hand