

## Pride of Goliath

- Many Victories
  - Champion
- Massive Size
  - 9'9"
- Magnificent Armor
  - Bronze, weighing 125#
- Mighty Weapons
  - Sword, Spear

## Pride in God

- Past Victories (34-37)
  - Lions and Bears
    - Lord's deliverance (37)
- Power of God
  - Lord of Hosts (45)
- Provision of God
  - Hand you over (46, 47)

**Goliath's pride was in Goliath. He trusted in his fighting experience. He trusted in his formidable size. He trusted in his fashioned armor. He trusted in his frightening weapons.**

**David on the other hand didn't believe in his own abilities to defeat the giant. He believed in the Lord's ability to use him to defeat Goliath. He trusted in the Lord's faithfulness. His pride was in neither himself nor his nation. His pride was in God.**

**The lesson for us is quite simple. When we trust in ourselves, our abilities, our knowledge, and our experiences we have placed our pride in ourselves. And in doing so we are setting ourselves up for defeat.**

**But when we trust in the Lord; his power, his provision, his past work in our life and in the life of other believers; we are placing our pride in him. Let us heed the words of the apostle Paul who wrote:**

### **1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (HCSB)**

**<sup>26</sup> Brothers, consider your calling: Not many are wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong.**

**<sup>28</sup> God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world—what is viewed as nothing—to bring to nothing what is viewed as something, <sup>29</sup> so that no one can boast in His presence. <sup>30</sup> But [it is] from Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became God-given wisdom for us—[our] righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written: The one who boasts must boast in the Lord.**