



## Week 5: The Captain

**What do you think is the role of a Captain on a team? What type of characteristics do you think a coach looks for in a captain?** When a coach selects a captain, it is not always the top athlete on the team chosen, its the athlete who has a good attitude, is hard working, and is a good teammate. The coach chooses a good *LEADER*.

In 1 Samuel we see David rise up as an incredible leader. He would not only be the King of the Israelites, but does **anyone know what David is famous for?** Defeating Goliath! That's right... for forty days, Goliath, the 9-ft Philistine GIANT warrior would taunt and challenge God's people, the Israelites, to battle. The Israelite army "were terrified" and would not fight him. David went to the battlefield one day to bring his brothers food, and was disappointed when he saw the fear in his brothers and their army...he knew the Israelite army was GOD's army and with God Goliath could be defeated. So David decided he would defeat Goliath. David tried to put on the armor for protection, but he was not used to it so he took off the armor and put five stones in his pocket. When Goliath saw David he made fun of him, but David said "You come to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to you *in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel*". David ran toward Goliath, took out a sling and swung a stone at Goliath. The stone hit Goliath in he forehead and with just one stone, the Giant came tumbling down...David defeated the big, scary Goliath with the Lord's strength. What a LEADER, and champion for Christ, David was.

More than likely none of you will have to defeat a legit giant in your lives (can you imagine??), but there will be uncomfortable, scary situations you will face in your life. God wants you to come to Him and know you have strength to respond the RIGHT way in those situations. God wants you to choose to be a good LEADER...making CAPTAIN-worthy decisions. **If He were to look at your life and actions today, would God choose you as a captain, a good leader, for Him? Would your attitude actions and work ethic make you worthy of a Captain position?** Whether this is a yes or no, pray today to be a better leader, asking for God's strength and wisdom to make choices that direct other's toward good, love, and ultimately toward Christ.

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