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II Kings 22:1, Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. 2 He did right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the way of his father David, nor did he turn aside to the right or to the left.

The age old question is, how old does a person have to be, before they can do the ministry that God has appointed for them? Each generation seems to extend that age. However, in the case of Josiah, he started at eight. Likewise, David was anointed king of Israel as a boy. The God who sees the future looks on the heart. As Christians, we might without knowing it, limit the Creator. Then God's message applies directly to us, Ps 50:21, You thought that I was just like you;.

David was at the battlefield at Elah and saw the Philistine champion taunt the army of Israel, and witnessed them fleeing in great fear.

25 The men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he is coming up to defy Israel. And it will be that the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel."

26 Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach (**disgrace**) from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?"

[1.] v:25, he is coming up to defy Israel, Choose from the following what the soldiers meant:

- a) Goliath came to entertain the soldiers.
- b) Goliath accused the God of Israel of being too weak to protect the army.
- c) Goliath showed the army of Israel that they were not real soldiers.

[2.] v:25 again, the man who kills him, List the rewards the killer of Goliath would receive.

[3.] v:25 again, make his father's house free in Israel, What does this benefit mean?

[4.] v:26, For who is this, If David was not curious about Goliath, (in your own words) what was he really asking?

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27 The people answered him in accord with this word, saying, " Thus it will be done for the man who kills him."

28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger burned against David and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle."

29 But David said, "What have I done now? Was it not just a question?"

[5.]v:26-27, The people answered, True or False: The people answered David's second question.

[6.] v:28, Eliab's anger burned against David, For starts, from lesson 3, v:17-19, why was David at the battle field?

[7.] v:28 again, Why have you come down? Write down Eliab's accusations against David.

[8.] v:28 again, There seems to be two battles going on at the same time. One is with the army of Israel. What is the other?

[9.] v:29, What have I done now? David's question implies which of the following:

- a) Eliab, you've never talked to me like this before.
- b) Eliab, Are you embarrassed because I saw you run with the rest of the boys?
- c) Eliab, is this about me being chosen king over you?

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30 Then he turned away from him to another and said the same thing; and the people answered the same thing as before.

31 When the words which David spoke were heard, they told them to Saul, and he sent for him.

32 David said to Saul, " Let no man's heart fail on account of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

33 Then Saul said to David, " You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth while he has been a warrior from *his* youth."

[10.] v:30, he turned away from him to another  
**What gives you the impression that David was used to being treated with disrespect by his brothers?**

[11.] question [10.] If as a Christian you are shown a lack of respect from other Christians, what is usually the cause?

[12.] v:31, they told them to Saul, **Describe why or why this wasn't what the Lord wanted to happen from the start.**

[13.] v:32, your servant will go and fight, Eliab's problem proved that fighting Goliath was not going to be a "family thing" but, where else could David have gotten such confidence?

[14.] question [14.] Where did David learn what he wrote in Ps 144:1?

[15.] v:33 he has been a warrior from his youth, **What had David experienced that Saul didn't know about?**

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34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, 35 I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued it from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized him by his beard and struck him and killed him.

36 "Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God."

37 And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you."

[16.] v:33 again, You are not able, What reason did Saul give for David's assumed failure?

[17.] v:34-35, struck him and killed him. In this account David did not mention any human help. Why might God have put him in this situation?

[18.] v:36, this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, What was David's real reason for fighting Goliath?

[19.] v:37, He will deliver me, To whom did David give credit for his victories?

[20.] v:37 again, Go, and may the Lord be with you. So what was Saul risking when he gave David permission to fight Goliath?

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