

The Underdog
1 Sam 17:33-37
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from underdogs.

- Intro:
1. Underdog define: a competitor thought to have little chance to win a fight or a contest.
 2. Underdog stories are common throughout history.

I. The Bible is all about the underdog.

A. David

1. David was a man overlooked by his brothers (**1 Sam 17:28-29**)
 - a. He was overlooked because he was not considered as one who could not help in this contest – he was an underdog and not their choice for confronting Goliath.
2. Goliath viewed David as incapable of victory, an underdog. (**1 Sam 17:33-37**)
3. David was an underdog.

B. Nehemiah

1. When it came to getting the people motivated and to get them to complete the wall – Nehemiah was not expected to succeed – he was an underdog. (**Neh 2:17-20**)
2. The ridiculed them and said it wasn't possible (**Neh 4:1-5**)
3. The underdogs were successful (**Neh 6:15-16**)
4. Nehemiah was an underdog.

II. The World says the Christian has no chance.

A. The Bible is outdated. (**Ecc 1:9**)

1. **Is the Bible outdated if it discusses things that still are an issue today?**
 - a. If it does then it's not outdated.
2. **Outdated is a term often used in an attempt to dismiss the Bible and its teachings.**

B. The Christian is too narrow-minded.

1. **The world says to say there is only one truth is narrow-minded.**
2. **To say that there is a right and wrong is judgmental.**
3. **The world however, that is the non-Christian, has repeatedly shown themselves to be wrong (Pro 14:12).**

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Underdogs do not always lose.

1. **History tells us that those who have often been looked upon as having little to no chance of success have repeatedly surprised the naysayers.**
2. **Being an underdog is not a guarantee that you will fail.**

B. God reminds us that the faithful is the greatest underdog story of all.

1. **Through God and the sacrifice of His Son the Christian is no longer an underdog.**
2. **Regardless of what some say the Christian will have the victory.**
 - a. Victory over death, sin and the wicked world.

Application & Conclusion:

1. The Christian is not underdog.
2. **Revelation 20:10** – Reminds us who gets the victory – and it's not the wicked.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9