

FACING GIANTS IN LIFE AND WORK

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1 Samuel 17:1-52

"Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war . . . The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them. A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him."

1 Samuel 17:1-7 (NIV)

I. LESSONS FROM DAVID FACING GOLIATH

II. THE OTHER 'GIANTS' DAVID HAD TO FACE

1. DELAY: _____

"Now David was the son of a man named Jesse . . . David was the youngest son. David's three oldest brothers stayed with Saul's army, but David went back and forth so he could help his father with the sheep in Bethlehem."

1 Samuel 17:12-15 (NLT)

2. DISCOURAGEMENT: _____

"Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why do you come out and line up for battle? . . . Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.' Then the Philistine said, 'This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.' On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified." 1 Samuel 17:8-11 (NIV)

"For forty days, twice a day, morning and evening the Philistine giant strutted before the armies of Israel." 1 Samuel 17:16 (TLB)

"While David was talking with his brothers . . . Goliath shouted things against Israel as usual. David heard what he said. The Israelite soldiers saw Goliath and ran away." 1 Samuel 17:23-24 (ERV)

3. DISAPPROVAL: _____

"David asked the men standing near him, 'What did he say? What is the reward for killing this Philistine and taking away this shame from Israel? . . . David's oldest brother Eliab heard David talking with the soldiers and became angry. Eliab asked David, 'Why did you come here? Who did you leave those few sheep with in the desert? I know why you came down here. You didn't want to do what you were told to do. You just wanted to come down here to watch the battle.' David said, 'What did I do now? I didn't do anything wrong! I was only talking.'" 1 Samuel 17:26-29 (ERV)

4. DOUBT: _____

"Don't worry about this Philistine,' David told Saul. 'I'll go fight him!' 'Don't be ridiculous!' Saul replied. 'There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth.'" 1 Samuel 17:32-33 (NLT)

HOW TO DEFEAT GIANTS

1. _____

"There were times when I was taking care of my father's sheep . . . there was a lion and another time, a bear. . . And I hit it and killed it . . . The Lord saved me from the lion and the bear. He will also save me from this Philistine."

1 Samuel 17:34-37 (ERV)

2. _____

"Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic . . . 'I cannot go in these,' he said to Saul, 'because I am not used to them.' So he took them off . . . Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones." 1 Samuel 17:38-40 (NIV)

3. _____

"David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God." 1 Samuel 30:6 (NLT)

4. _____

"David replied to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies . . . Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord's battle, and he will give you to us!'" 1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NLT)