

"David Versus Goliath"
1 Samuel 17
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Luke 18:24-27 *"The things that are impossible with people are possible with God."*

Context: After David is anointed to become the next king in **1 Samuel 16**.

Thought of The Passage: The Christian Has Many Giants To Confront, Though It May Seem Impossible, Victory Is Available To Those Who's Faith Is In The Lord.

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1) 1 Samuel 17:1-11 Goliath's Challenge

1 Samuel 17:1-3

This Elah valley is surrounded by green hills that are there to this day.

1 Samuel 17:4 Then a champion

Six cubits (distance from elbow to middle or long finger: 17:49")

And a **span** (1/2 cubit, about 9 inches) **Goliath was (8'5 – 9'2)**

Joshua 11:21-22 - Goliath was from **Gath**.

1 Samuel 17:5-7 Goliath's armor/weapons weighed between 150 to 200 Lbs.

1 Samuel 17:8 **Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me.** *"Let's do this!"*

1 Samuel 17:9-10 **"I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man that we may fight together."**

1 Samuel 17:11 **they were dismayed and greatly afraid.**

1 Samuel 13:5-7

...they were dismayed and greatly afraid. Goliath had already won.

Fear will come your way and you must recognize:

- 1) It is a strategy (fear tactic)**
- 2) You have to be prepared with God's word.**

Psalm 91:2, Psalm 121:1-2, Psalm 27:1-3

2) 1 Samuel 17:12-30 David Goes Into Camp

1 Samuel 12-14-15 but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's flock at Bethlehem.

David was never "too good" to be a shepherd.
Service should never be beneath us. The servant does not choose his duty.

1 Samuel 17:16 morning and evening for forty days and took his stand.

1 Samuel 17:17-18 an ephah (5.8 gallons)

1 Samuel 17:19

1 Samuel 17:20 So David arose early in the morning (Hurrying towards obedience) and left the flock with a keeper (priorities are correct) and took the supplies and went as Jesse had commanded him (complete obedience).

1 Samuel 17:21-23 David heard them.

1 Samuel 17:24-25 Wife, money, no taxes. The king is desperate.

1 Samuel 17:26 For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?"

David was more concerned with God's honor, God's great name and Israel's reputation.

The soldiers see a **GIANT** - David sees an "**uncircumcised philistine**"
To the soldiers, the Giant is there to "**defy Israel**"
To David, the giant "**taunts the armies of the living God**"

1 Samuel 17:27 The soldiers say, "**Thus it will be done for the man who kills him.**"

David says "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and **takes away the reproach from Israel? (Verse 26)**

David's heart belongs to God and he can see what others cannot.

John 14:6 "...I am the way, and the truth, and the life..."

1 Samuel 17:28 "Why have you come down? David is disparaged by his older brother, misunderstood, underestimated, and wrongfully accused. And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness?"

God says David is a man after God's own heart. **(1 Samuel 13:14)**

Jeremiah 17:10 God can see the heart

1 Samuel 17:29-30

Have you ever been disparaged, misunderstood, underestimated, and wrongfully accused?

3) 1 Samuel 17:31-40 David Prepares For Battle

1 Samuel 17:31 So much courage the king was informed.

1 Samuel 17:32 "Let no man's heart fail on account of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

The Good: Finally, someone who is brave.

The Bad: He's a little Shepperd boy.

your servant will go – David is not just full of great ideas. He is willing to do the work. He doesn't just say, "someone should do..." "**I will go**"

1 Samuel 17:33

1 Timothy 4:12 Paul writes to Timothy.

1 Samuel 17:34-35

1 Samuel 17:36 and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God."

God has been preparing David for this moment.

1 Samuel 17:37 "The LORD who delivered me

God has been faithful, God is faithful now, and God will therefore continue to be faithful. **Hebrews 13:8**

1 Samuel 17:38

Saul logically equips David with the best body armor and weapons available.

1 Samuel 17:39 "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." And David took them off.

Ephesians 6:11-13

1 Samuel 17:40 his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine. David trusted and relied on the same methods and instruments that were time tested and successfully used by God in the past.

God's word never returns empty: **Isaiah 55:10-11**

4) 1 Samuel 17:41-58 David Overcomes

1 Samuel 17:41-42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him;

1 Samuel 17:43 "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?"

1 Samuel 17:44 The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me,

Do you have the right perspective now?

1 Samuel 17:45 I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.

1 Samuel 17:46 This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, ... that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

1 Samuel 17:47 that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands."
Zechariah 4:6

God is the source of David's bravery and not his abilities.

1 Samuel 17:48-50

God could do all the work, but in his wisdom and mercy, he allows us to be part of the work.

1 Samuel 17:51 *(do not leave things unfinished, unresolved, or half done)* and cut off his head with it. *(He used the giant's own weapon against him)*
When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

1 Samuel 17:52-58

David = "Beloved" "Loved" "Favorite" (1 Samuel 16)

1 Samuel 13:14 God wanted a man after His own heart.

Application:

1) Fear Will Come, So Be Prepared To Counter It With God's Word. Read Your Bible, Come To Church. God Is Greater Than Your Fear.

2) If God Is For You, Who Can Be Against You? This Was Not David Versus The Giant But Rather The Giant Versus The God Of David.

3) Ask God To Give You The Right Perspective For Your Giants.

4) Rely On God's Power And Not Worldly Methods. Walk With The Lord, Lean On Him Always. Live For Him, Serve Him. Have A Heart For Him.