

How To Face Your Giants In Life And Work!

1 Samuel 17

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Your Ability To Dream Is A GOD-GIVEN GIFT!

What Giants Did David Face?

GIANT #1: DELAY

1 Samuel 17:12, Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was very old. ¹³Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah. ¹⁴David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul, ¹⁵but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

- **Problem**: Others **HELD HIM BACK**

GIANT #2: DISCOURAGEMENT

1 Samuel 17:8-11, Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹If 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." ¹⁰Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." ¹¹On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

- **Problem**: They Were Listening To The **WRONG VOICE**

1 Samuel 17:16, For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

1 Samuel 17:23, As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. ²⁴Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear.

GIANT #3: DISAPPROVAL

1 Samuel 17:28, When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle." ²⁹"Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"

- **Problem**: His Brother's Heart Was The **REAL PROBLEM**

GIANT #4: DOUBT

1 Samuel 17:32-33, David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." ³³Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

- **Problem**: Saul Looked At **HIS OUTWARD APPEARANCE**

1 Samuel 16:7, But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

How Do We Defeat The Giants In Our Lives?

1. Remember How God Has Helped You IN TIMES PAST

1 Samuel 17:36, Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

2. Use The Tools God HAS GIVEN YOU

1 Samuel 17:38, *Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head.* ³⁹*David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off.* ⁴⁰*Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.*

3. Ignore THE DREAMBUSTERS

1 Samuel 30:6, *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.*

4. Expect God To Help You FOR HIS GLORY

1 Samuel 17:45, *David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.* ⁴⁶*This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.* ⁴⁷*All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give all of you into our hands."*

Matthew 9:29, *Then He touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"*