

David and the Dwarf

SERIES: DAVID Part 3

1 Samuel 17:4 (NIV) A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall.

1 Samuel 17:8-9 (NIV) 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. ⁹ 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."

*Enter **DAVID** . . . The Real "GIANT"*

1 Samuel 17:17-18 (NIV) Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this sack of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them."

1 Samuel 17:22-23 (NIV) David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and greeted his brothers. 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.

1 Samuel 17:25 (NKJV) So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? . . .

- *If you tolerate a Goliath, he'll take over your **TERRITORY**.*
- *He'll move into your **CAMP**.*
- *He'll take your **THOUGHTS** that normally ought to be on God, and he'll put them on himself.*
- *You can't afford to tolerate giants; you **KILL** them.*

David knew who to fight and who to leave alone.

We need to **CHOOSE our battles wisely.**

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

*Learn to **LEAN** on Past Victories*

1 Samuel 17:37 (NIV) The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." . . .

1 Samuel 17:40 (NIV) 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.

*Exit **GOLIATH** . . . "The **DWARF**"*

1. **INTIMIDATION**. *That's our MAJOR battle when we face giants.*

1 Samuel 17:47 (NIV) 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."

The secret of David's life. "The battle is the **LORD'S."**

1 Samuel 17:54 (NLT) David took the Philistine's head to Jerusalem, but he stored the man's armor in his own tent.

Giant Lessons Worth Remembering

Four lessons emerge from this significant battle between David and Goliath. Remember them well.

1. Facing giants is an **INTIMIDATING** experience.
2. Doing battle is (often) a **LONELY** experience.
3. Trusting God is a **STABILIZING** experience.
4. Winning victories is a **MEMORABLE** experience.

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S!