

## **All Giants Don't Fall**

**1 Samuel 17.** To really get the flavor of this lesson, it is best to read all of Chapter 17. It is a long chapter, but packed with multiplied layers of truth. Notice that God used this confrontation with Goliath as the means of elevating his anointed servant. Remember, David had already been anointed. Since his anointing he had been doing the work of a good shepherd. Now, through no promotion of his own, he is brought to the national spotlight. Can you see the lesson here? You do not have to promote yourself or brag about your abilities. Your gifts will make room for you.

It took raw courage for David to go up against Goliath. It takes courage to be a child of God. Many leaders do not lead from a standpoint of courage. Many Christians only act out of fear. When they are afraid of losing a job, spouse, finances, or health, they will pray. However, their prayer is fear based. Fear is driving them. They are afraid of being disliked. Afraid of losing income and privilege. Afraid of failure. A great spiritual leader used to say, "Failure was nothing but a lesson to learn". We put too much emphasis on failure, when in fact failure often prepares you for success. David must have failed the first time he used a slingshot. It was those early failures that caused him to practice until he was able to hit the target. Often we are hovering in fear as our past failures stomp about like Goliath. The children of Israel came to the battle each day dressed in their armour and prepared to fight. Yet, they remained frozen on the sidelines in fear.

**1 Samuel 17:23-29.** The oldest brother is angry at David's desire for action. He questioned David's motives and claimed to know what David was really trying to do. Has anyone ever accused you of the wrong desire and motives? David had to convince the cowards to let him fight. They were too afraid to fight and were not willing to let anyone else fight. In some sense you could not blame them. The man who fought Goliath had better win or else all of Israel would become servants of the Philistines. King Saul knew of David as a musician but not as a warrior. It is no wonder they all tried to discourage him. At each level of progress the first thing David faced was cruel remarks and questions about his abilities. His brother doubted him. The king doubted him and Goliath had the same opinion. Are you able to press ahead into your destiny in spite of what people are saying about you? One of the first ways you can know your life has changed is by the different ways people will talk about you.

David did not waste his time believing the comment from those who were against him and doubted him. Obviously, David was not suffering from low self-esteem. David was not judging himself based on the standards of those around him. He was responding to a higher standard. Sometimes you have to rise up, all by yourself, to a new place in God. Not one of the children of Israel was able to walk with him in full confidence that God's power would help him. As a leader in the kingdom of God, you cannot allow your surroundings to determine how high you

go and what you attempt to do. God has called you and it does not matter if you live in a great city or a lonely desert, God's plans for your life have not changed. God is not limited by what people say about you. He is still able to take one stone and knock down your giants.

David chose the weapons and defense best suited for his personality. This is good news for children of God who celebrate their uniqueness. This means that you do not have to allow the circumstances of your battle to cause you to give up what works best for you. Stay with your strengths. Be yourself. Be yourself. Be yourself. Be yourself. David was not able to win a wrestling match with the giant, but he was able to strike him from a distance.

**[2 Samuel 21:15-22](#)**. There are some giants that will only fall under the pressure and attack of a unified team. The New Testament teaches that Jesus is present when more than two of us are gathered in His name. Find a prayer partner. Find someone to agree with you in prayer. Do not fight all of your giants alone. Do not grieve alone. Remember you are as sick as your secrets. You must have someone in your life you share your life with. Now be careful in this area, because most people in the church cannot be trusted. Pray that God will place Godly people in your life. Pray for the spirit of wisdom and revelation to become active in your life. Pray for discernment. Look for God to guide you to the team of individuals who are honest, non-judgmental, have integrity and are submitted to pastoral leadership. Never confide in someone without first checking out his or her confidentiality level. Check with their Pastor(s) and other people who know them. If they are not submitted to pastoral leadership and you do not receive a good report regarding their confidentiality and honesty, do not confide in them. Search for someone else. Do not cast your pearls before the swine.

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