

Slaying Our Giants

Part three of the series, "Defining Moments: When Opportunities Knock"

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"And Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth.'³⁴ But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock,³⁵ I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him.³⁶ Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.'³⁷ And David said, 'The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.'..."

⁴²And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance...⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand.'"

⁴⁸When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him."
(1 Samuel 17:33-37; 42-50 ESV)

God allows smaller **BATTLES** to prepare us for bigger ones.

"And David said, 'The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.'..." (1 Samuel 17:37 ESV)

Don't focus on the giant or ourselves but on **GOD**.

"Then David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied...for the battle is the LORD's and He will give you into our hand.'..." (1 Samuel 17:45, 47 ESV)

Speak words of **FAITH**, not words of fear.

"This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head..."
(1 Samuel 17:46 ESV)

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits." (Proverbs 18:21 ESV)

"...For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7 ESV)

Make glorifying God our main **MOTIVE**.

"...That all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."
(1 Samuel 17:46-47 ESV)

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV)

"...For those who honor me I will honor..." (1 Samuel 2:30 ESV)