

## “THE JOURNEY BEFORE THE BATTLE”

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### 1 Samuel 17: 32-50

34 But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, 35 I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. 36 I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! (1 Sam 17:34-36)

**41 Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, 42 sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. 43 “Am I a dog,” he roared at David, “that you come at me with a stick?” And he cursed David by the names of his gods. 44 “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled.**

**45 David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! (1 Sam 17:41-46)**

David son of Jesse. What we know about him:

- Israel's great King
- A man after God's heart
- Chosen from the least
- Prepped for the job
- From A small town called Bethlehem

On his journey to fight his Giant? Things that seems impossible to overcome

- Addictions
- Relationships
- Challenging effects of Covid 19
- Self confidence

This is David's greatest moment, God elevates his ministry

The BackStory for content

- David was anointed by God through Samuel the Prophet
- He was the youngest of 8 least likely.
- David went back and forth to tend to the sheep with his father
- Israel and the Philistines at War
- A nine foot giant heckles Israel's army
- Jesse sends David to ground zero to deliver food and gifts to soldiers

1. God will put you in Position to do things no one else is willing to do.
  - a. In this snapshot of the story we find David pleading his case to the King that he is ready to face the Giant and has them stagnant as a nation.
  - b. For a month and a half, the Philistines teased and harassed Israel
  - c. Take some time and reflect where God has brought you from.
    - i. Wisdom is taking learned moments and utilizing that knowledge to make better decisions. with his faith when facing the Giant
    - ii. Revelation -- God confirming your understanding for that moment
    - iii. Must have the right tools (tool example)
      1. Hammer -- used for breaking things and driving in things
      2. Lantern -- radiates light, Guide us through the Darkness
      3. Slingshot -- stepping back in order to move forward
      4. Pliers -- used for gripping and bending
2. Instills Confidence and Faith
  - a. Confidence means the feeling or belief that one can rely on
  - b. Faith means Strong belief in God, complete Trust or Confidence
  - c. Grounded in your Faith
    - i. Chosen last from all his brothers
    - ii. Trained to oversee a group of the unwilling
    - iii. Forced to fight the enemy in unconventional ways
    - iv. Blessed and Favored
3. How to Fight your Giant
  - a. Your enemy will be your footstool
  - b. Stand, Plant yourself in the Word (Psalm 1)