

**The Bible Tells Me So
Week 6: David and Goliath**

1 Samuel 17 (pg. 242)

Goliath not only used his size to intimidate, he also used _____.

1 Samuel 17:8b,10-11 (NLT) he called. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me!.. I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!” When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

David exposed the deception with _____.

1 Samuel 17:36b-37 (NLT) ...“he has defied the armies of the living God! The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

Saul put more trust in tradition than in _____.

1 Samuel 17:45,47 (NLT) 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... And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!”

Lessons to Learn from David and Goliath

Selfishness and pride can keep us from _____ God’s plan.

1 Samuel 18:8b-9 (NLT) Next they’ll be making him their king!” So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

God’s preparation and blessing is way bigger than the _____ problem.

2 Samuel 21:22 (NLT, pg. 274) These four Philistines were descendants of the giants of Gath, but David and his warriors killed them.

When God is the focus, _____ don’t dictate success.

1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT, pg. 242) But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Final Thought: We all face giants on our journey; victory is not determined by the physical details but by keeping our focus on God. Are you placing your _____ with Christ?

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David and Goliath Discussion Questions

What did you learn for the first time by studying this popular story as an adult? What was surprising in the biblical text? What wasn't in the biblical text that you thought was? Explain.

Why do you think the Israel armies believed Goliath when he taunted them with lies? What is a deception that you have listened to and believed in your life in the past? How were you able to realize it was a deception and break free from it? Explain.

Read 1 Samuel 17:41-58. This section was skipped over in the message, is there anything about this passage that stands out to you? Why or why not. Last week the message was all about worship and idols, is this an issue for David as well? Re-read verse 48. David's reaction to the giant in front of him was to run at him, not away from him. Why is this an important detail and how does that apply to our spiritual journey?

Out of the three lessons from David and Goliath, is there one that is an epiphany statement for you? Why or why not? Which of the three do you need to hear and apply the most in your life right now? Explain. What giants have you faced in your spiritual journey? What giant are you currently facing in your spiritual journey? How will you defeat that giant and make forward progress?