

David & Goliath

Response & Reliance #3

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1 Sam. 17:4-7 Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! ⁵ He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. ⁶ He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield.

Vs. 10-11 I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" ¹¹ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

WHAT'S YOUR GOLIATH?

STRATEGIES FOR BATTLE

Vs. 23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel.

1) Hear the Lies

...so you can recognize that they are lies

- KNOW THE TRUTH

Vs. 26b Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?"

Vs. 32 "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"

2) Don't Listen to the Naysayers

Vs. 33 “Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.”

- REMEMBER YOUR GOD STORIES

Vs. 37 The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

Vs. 43-44 “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.

3) Don't focus on the giant – Focus on God

- DON'T COMPARE THE GIANT TO YOURSELF
COMPARE THE GIANT TO GOD

Vs. 45-47 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! 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!”

4) Don't quit – Complete the Mission

Vs. 48-49, 51 As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground.

⁵¹ Then David ran over and pulled Goliath’s sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head.