

# Fight the Giant

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**Our greatest opportunities are often disguised as our biggest problems.**

*“Then a champion named Goliath, from Gath, came out from the Philistine camp. He was nine feet, nine inches tall ...” 1 Samuel 17:4 (CSB)*

*“<sup>8</sup>He stood and shouted to the Israelite battle formations, ‘Why do you come out to line up in battle formation?’ He asked them, ‘Am I not a Philistine and are you not servants of Saul? Choose one of your men and have him come down against me.’ ... <sup>10</sup>Then the Philistine said, ‘I defy the ranks of Israel today. Send me a man so we can fight each other!’ <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard these words from the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified. ... <sup>16</sup>Every morning and evening for forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand.” 1 Samuel 17:8;10-11;16 (CSB)*

*“David spoke to the men who were standing with him: ‘What will be done for the man who kills that Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Just who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?’” 1 Samuel 17:26 (CSB)*

*“<sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, ‘Don’t let anyone be discouraged by him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine!’ <sup>33</sup>But Saul replied, ‘You can’t go fight this Philistine. You’re just a youth, and he’s been a warrior since he was young.’” 1 Samuel 17:32-33 (CSB)*

*“Then David said, ‘The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.’” 1 Samuel 17:37 (CSB)*

*“<sup>45</sup>David said to the Philistine, ‘You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel — you have defied Him. <sup>46</sup>Today, the Lord will hand you over to me.’ ... <sup>48</sup>When the Philistine started forward to attack him, David ran quickly to the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>David put his hand in the bag, took out a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground. <sup>50</sup>David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone.” 1 Samuel 17:45-46; 48-50 (CSB)*

## Four Dynamics of Giant Fighters

### #1 - Character

**In the arena of challenges, character is forged.**

### #2 - Conviction

**Don’t let criticism alter your convictions.**

### #3 - Courage

**When David faced Goliath, he didn’t take the easy route. He took the route that was in front of him.**

**We cannot allow our external circumstances to become our excuses for not stepping up.**

## #4 - Consistency

**The enemy is after your consistency.**

*“<sup>46</sup>Then all the world will know that Israel has a God, <sup>47</sup>and this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the Lord saves, **for the battle is the Lord’s.**” 1 Samuel 17:46-47 (CSB)*

**When you go out to fight, you are not the victim, the giant is.**

**Stop running away from what scares you most and start chasing God-ordained opportunities that cross your path.**

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