

THE BIGGER THEY ARE THE HARDER THEY FALL

(1 Samuel 17)

1. Remember, when the enemy taunts US, he is taunting GOD. (verse 26; Revelation 12:10; John 15:18-21; 2 Timothy 3:11-12; Matthew 5:10-12; 1 Peter 4:12-14)
2. While others might seek glory, gain, and benefits for themselves, may we be 'in it' for the name and fame of GOD ALONE. (verses 24-27; Colossians 3:17, 23; 1 Corinthians 6:20, 10:31; Psalm 115:1; Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:3-8)
3. Those who should be the CLOSEST to us will at times think and believe the WORST of us. (verses 28-30; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Psalm 27:10, 41:9, 55:12-14; Job 19:19; Luke 22:56-61; Matthew 13:53-58)
4. God often asks us to do what NO ONE ELSE will do. (verses 31-32; Isaiah 1:19, 6:8; 1 Samuel 15:22; 2 Corinthians 3:5)
5. We should use our skills and abilities, but God alone is our DELIVERER. (verses 33-37; Psalm 18:2, 40:17, 70:5; 2 Samuel 22:2; 2 Timothy 1:9; Colossians 1:13; Acts 4:12; Luke 19:10; Psalm 20:7; Zechariah 4:6)
6. Wearing someone else's armor will NEVER WORK. (verses 38-40; Judges 6:14; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Timothy 4:12)
7. We must do more than just step UP in faith - we need to step OUT in faith! (verse 40; James 2:14-26; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:13; Matthew 5:16)
8. The BATTLE belongs to the LORD! (verse 46-47; 2 Chronicles 20:15; Proverbs 21:31; Romans 8:37; Psalm 121; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Deuteronomy 20:4; Ephesians 6:10)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Why did David's older brother Eliab get so angry at David (verses 28-29)? In what ways do we sometimes respond to others like Eliab treated David? Why do we do this?
3. David stepped up and said that he would go and fight Goliath. But Saul's immediate response was, "You can't because you are a youth (verse 33)." How might we in the church tend to downplay those who are younger? Why is this unhealthy/unhelpful? How can we better encourage those who are younger? If you are young, is there anything *you* can do to help with this perception problem?
4. Saul wanted to 'help' David by giving David his armor, but it just didn't work (verses 38-39); David had to go with what he knew, not what someone else wanted to 'put on' him. How does this relate to us today? In what way has someone tried to put something on you that proved to be more of a hindrance than a help? How might you inadvertently do this to others?
5. 'David and Goliath' is such a popular story (even outside the church) because everyone loves to see the underdog stand tall with confidence and muster up the strength within himself to defeat a giant. But what have we learned so far from this account in Scripture that would say this is NOT what this story is about? How does the rest of Scripture agree? Describe the difference between doing something on our own power/strength and doing it in the power/strength of the Lord.
6. This entire showdown took place for a very specific purpose. What was the purpose (verses 46-47)? In what ways can we accomplish this same purpose in our daily lives?

