



LESSONS FROM A KING About

SLAYING YOUR GIANT

1 Samuel 17:32-50

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A. Facing Your Giants

What Does it Take to Slay the Giant in Your Life?

1. Solemn Determination before God

1 Samuel 17:32–33, NLT -³² *“Don't worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I'll go fight him!”* 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.”*

2. Unwavering Confidence in God

1 Samuel 17:34–37, NLT -³⁷ *“...The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!” Saul finally consented. “Alright, go ahead,” he said. “And may the LORD be with you!”*

3. Invisible Armor from God

1 Samuel 17:45, NLT -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.”*

4. Godly Dependence on God

1 Samuel 17:47–49, NLT -⁴⁷ *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!”* ⁴⁸ *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.*

5. God-Honoring Results for God

1 Samuel 17:50, NIV84 -⁵⁰ *So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.*

B. Five Smooth Stones

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1 Samuel 17:40, NLT -⁴⁰ *He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.*

The Stone of the Past • *“I once killed a lion and a bear.”*

The Stone of Prayer • *“The Lord...will rescue me.”*

The Stone of Priority • *“...that all the earth may know there is a God...”*

The Stone of Passion • *“The Lord will rescue me from his hand.”*

The Stone of Persistence • *“David brought Goliath's head...to Jerusalem.”*



C. Life Application Section

1. Don't listen to your critics.
2. Focus on God rather than your giant.
3. Believe in what God can do.
4. Your biggest sin will be *the sin of unbelief*.
5. Seize divine opportunities.
6. Fight from the place of victory—for God's glory.