



Work and Career

Reboot – Part 6

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1 Samuel 17

DREAM a succession of images, thoughts, emotions or vision passing through the mind

THE GIANTS THAT STAND BETWEEN YOU AND THE REALIZATION OF YOUR DREAM

1. DELAY: DAVID'S FATHER HELD HIM BACK

Now David was the son of the Ephrathite from Bethlehem of Judah named Jesse. Jesse had eight sons and during Saul's reign was already an old man. Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war, and their names were Eliab, the first-born, Abinadab, the next, and Shammah, the third, and David was the youngest. The three oldest had followed Saul, but David kept going back and forth from Saul to tend his father's flock in Bethlehem. (1 Samuel 17:12-15)

2. DISCOURAGEMENT: EVERYONE AROUND DAVID WAS AFRAID

He (Goliath) 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. If he wins in a fight against me and kills me, we will be your servants. But if I win against him and kill him, then you will be our servants and serve us." Then the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel today. Send me a man so we can fight each other!" when Saul and all Israel heard these words from the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified. (1 Samuel 17:8-11)

3. DISAPPROVAL: DAVID'S BROTHER QUESTIONED HIS MOTIVES

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?" ... David's older brother Eliab listened as he spoke to the men, and he became angry with him. "Why did you come down here?" he asked. "Who did you leave those few sheep with in the wilderness? I know your arrogance and your evil heart – you came down to see the battle!" "What have I done now?" protested David. "It was just a question." (1 Samuel 17:26,28-29)

4. **DOUBT: THE EXPERT DOUBTED HIS ABILITY**

David said to Saul, "Don't let anyone be discouraged by him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine!" 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)

*****Your motive better be pure and Biblical*****

HOW TO SLAY THESE GIANTS

1. **I REMEMBER HOW GOD HAS HELPED ME IN THE PAST.**

Your servant has killed lions and bears; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God. 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 17:36-37)

2. **I USE THE TOOLS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME NOW.**

Then Saul had his own military clothes put on David... David strapped his sword on over the military clothes and tried to walk, but he was not used them. "I can't walk in these," David said to Saul, "I'm not used to them." So David took them off. Instead, he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the wadi... Then, with his sling in his hand, he approached the Philistine. (1 Samuel 17:38-40)

3. **I IGNORE THE DREAM BUSTERS.**

David was greatly distressed... but David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.
(1 Samuel 30: 6)

4. **I EXPECT GOD TO HELP ME FOR HIS GLORY**

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. Today, I'll strike you down, remove your head... then all the world will know that Israel has a God, 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. He will hand you over to us."
(1 Samuel 17:45-47)