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## **Godfidence**

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David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

1 Samuel 17:32 (NIV)

Let me set the stage for you.....two armies camped on a hill....One facing the other....The Israelites versus the Philistines.. The age old rivalry.

Then out of the crowd of Philistines steps forward their champion Goliath who stands at about 9 foot tall. Fully decked out from head to toe in the armor that weighed 125 pounds. This giant of a man steps out of the crowd and begins to challenge the entire israelite army to a 1 v1, and man were the stakes high. The Bible says that when Saul and the Israelites heard this challenge from Goliath the Philistine they lost their courage and were terrified. CAN YOU BLAME THEM ?!?! I mean this guy was literally a giant. Every day for 40 days the Philistine came forwards and took his stand against the Israelites and nobody came out to challenge him.

Now enter David..The youngest son of Jesse... this shepherd boy who shows up to the battle lines because he was basically being uber eats for his older brothers. And he just so happens to be talking to his brothers as Goliath begins one of his speeches. And the Bible says that he would eventually be brought to Saul and listen to what he tells King saul he says "Don't let anyone be discouraged by him, your servant will go and fight." See David had what I like to call "GODFIDENCE" which in my mind is a crazy level of faith and confidence in the almighty God

Can I pause right there and just encourage you! From the person who is in the middle of a rough season right now to the person who is in the middle of birthing a God sized dream...Be encouraged! Be not dismayed! And know that God is for you. Take refuge in the fact that the best is yet to come!

In 1 Samuel 17 we read that King Saul actually had his own military clothes put on David in preparation for this battle. He put a bronze helmet on David's head and had him put on armor. But when David strapped on his sword and tried to walk he was not used to them so he said "I can't walk in these." So instead David took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones, he grabbed his sling and approached the Philistine. Now yall do recall the amount of armor and weapons that Goliath had at his disposal right ? Ok ok I'm just making sure.

I have heard it said that where God provides Vision he also provides PROVISION. I would add that where God provides dreams he will also provide the means to make those dreams come happen. Look at David, faced with the challenge of a lifetime ! He is offered some of the finest armor in the land I'm sure, but what he realized was that God had already supplied everything he needed. He was already experienced with his staff, and how many times while sitting out there tending the flocks of sheep do you think that David had launched some stones around in his sling. God had been preparing, equipping, and positioning David for this very moment whether David realized it or not.

So while the entire Israelite army had been frozen with fear of the Giant for weeks....David has the audacity to believe that armed with his staff a few stones and the Lord on his side that he could defeat the obstacle of Goliath. David was full of courage and bursting with trust in His covenant with God. As you read through Samuel 17 we see that David & Goliath do actually take to battle. We read that Goliath despised David because he was just a youth!

Listen young people God wants to use you in a mighty way! Ways you can't even imagine! Don't limit your dreams based on your age! Dream Big! Dream God sized dreams no matter what age you find yourself!

If we keep reading we see that with one stone to the forehead David was able to defeat Goliath. Can I encourage you today! I believe that someone today may be facing what seems like an impossible challenge. Maybe you have a dream or goal that seems impossible. Maybe you are stuck in a situation or a habit that you feel like you will never be able to get out of. Can I speak over you today that you have everything you need? If you have Jesus you have enough! I believe that as believers when we have God on our side we have the high ground in any battle. That means we can go after any dream! Confront any challenge! Stand tall against any opposition! Confident in the fact that the Lord is on our side. David was confident that his story was not ending that day as he stood in front of Goliath. Some of us need to realize that the battle we may be facing belongs to the Lord. No obstacle is too large and no circumstance is too menacing when you realize that God is sovereign overall. Take heart, be filled with courage. The best is yet to come!

Are you in the middle of a rough season or in the middle of birthing a God sized dream? Will you find encouragement in this daily or with another believer today?