

How Do You Defeat a Giant?

1 Samuel 17

1. Believe that God uses confrontation against bad odds intentionally for our good and His glory.

...and a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath... (4)

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

2. Don't allow others to discourage or weaken your faith in God's power.

Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." (28)

3. Remember God's faithfulness and deliverance.

Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." (36)

4. Remember that God wants our availability, not our ability.

So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. (50)