

Discuss

David had the laugh of fearless confidence in his life. It’s a laugh that we can and should cultivate as well. When the Israelites failed to confront their challenge from Goliath, he only grew bolder and closer to them. It’s a reminder to us that if you react in fear to a problem, all it does is invite the giant to come closer and have more of a hold on you than before.

“As [David] was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel.” ([1 Samuel 17:23. NLT](#))

- Has worrying or living in fear ever truly helped you solve or overcome a problem?
- Are you allowing any problems to have an increasing foothold in your life?

If you’re a Christian, the God of David is your God. He’s the God of Abraham, Noah, Solomon, Joshua, Moses, Paul, Timothy, Luke and John. God cherishes you just as much as anyone.

- When you think of God, do you remember or take time to consider that He is the same God that the heroes and heroines of the Bible placed their faith in?
- How would your confidence when facing a problem change by remembering this God?

When faced with the giant, David was not even thinking about the giant, he was thinking about his past experience with God and how faithful He had been to him.

“But David persisted. ‘I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,’ he said. ‘When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!’” ([1 Samuel 17:34-37. NLT](#))

- Do you often spend more time thinking about the giant in front of you or your own abilities, rather than what God can do?
- Do you remember any specific times when God was faithful to you? Did you take time to thank God for it?

Next Steps

If you're a Christ follower, go back over your life and reflect on the times when God proved Himself faithful and answered prayers in your life. Take time to pray and thank Him for all that He did.

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Continued Reading

Read [Proverbs 31:25](#); [Psalm 52:1-7](#); 1 Samuel 17: [1-11](#), [16](#), [20-24](#), [32-37](#), [40-51](#).

Prayer

God, you are bigger than anything we can imagine, and you're certainly bigger than our fears. Thank you for the ways you have shown up in our life and in the lives of all who trust in you. Help us to have more of this laughter of fearless confidence - to so trust in you no matter what we're facing and just laugh because of your incredible faithfulness.