

NOTHING BUT A SLING AND A STONE

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*So David defeated the Philistine **with only a sling and a stone**. He hit him and killed him. He did not even have a sword in his hand.*

1 Samuel 17:50 (NCV)

Your Sling and Stone are the gifts that God has given you to accomplish your Kingdom assignment!

There is usually a **giant standing between you and who you are destined to become.**

God allows giants in our lives to **promote us, not to **defeat** us.**

If David were here, I believe he would tell us...

1. The bigger the **reward, the bigger the **risk**.**

*Choose a man and send him to **fight me**. If he can fight and kill me, we will be **your servants**. But if I can kill him, you will be **our servants**.*

1 Samuel 17:8b-9 (NCV)

*They said, "Look at this man! He keeps coming out to challenge Israel. The king will give **much money** to whoever kills him. He will also let whoever kills him **marry his daughter**. And his father's family will **not have to pay taxes** in Israel."*

1 Samuel 17:25 (NCV)

*David asked the men who stood near him, "**What will be done to reward** the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the shame from Israel?"*

*Who does this uncircumcised Philistine think he is? Does he think he can speak against the armies of the living God?" The Israelites told David **what would be done** for the man who would kill Goliath. **1 Samuel 17:26 (NCV)***

David did not see a conflict between a **spiritual assignment and a **financial reward**.**

2. We must reject **rejection.**

When David's oldest brother Eliab heard David talking with the soldiers, *he was angry with David*. He asked David, "Why did you come here? Who's taking care of those few sheep of yours in the desert?"

I know you are *proud and wicked* at heart. You came down here just to watch the battle." David asked, "Now what have I done wrong? Can't I even talk?"

1 Samuel 17:28-29 (NCV)

Yet what David said was told to Saul, and he sent for David. David said to Saul, "Don't let anyone be discouraged. I, your servant, will go and fight this Philistine!"

Saul answered, "*You can't go out against this Philistine and fight him. You're only a boy. Goliath has been a warrior since he was a young man.*"

1 Samuel 17:31-33 (NCV)

3. Our faithfulness in the little things, prepares us for great things.

But David said to Saul, "I, your servant, have been keeping my father's sheep. When a lion or bear came and took a sheep from the flock, I would chase it. I would attack it and save the sheep from its mouth.

When it attacked me, I caught it by its fur and hit it and killed it. *I, your servant, have killed both a lion and a bear!*

This uncircumcised Philistine *will be like them*, because he has spoken against the armies of the living God. The Lord who saved me from a lion and a bear will save me from this Philistine." **1 Samuel 17:34-37 (NCV)**

4. Be yourself and use what God gave you!

Saul put his own clothes on David. He put a bronze helmet on his head and dressed him in armor. David put on Saul's sword and tried to walk around, but he was not used to all the armor Saul had put on him.

He said to Saul, "I can't go in this, because I'm not used to it." *Then David took it all off.* **1 Samuel 17:38-39 (NCV)**

As Goliath came near to attack him, David ran quickly to meet him. *He took a stone from his bag, put it into his sling, and slung it.* The stone hit the Philistine and went deep into his forehead, and Goliath fell face down on the ground.

So David defeated the Philistine with *only a sling and a stone*. He hit him and killed him. He did not even have a sword in his hand.

1 Samuel 17:48-50 (NCV)



*"Who does this **uncircumcised** Philistine think he is."* **1 Samuel 17:26b (NCV)**

*"I, your servant, have killed both a lion and a bear! This **uncircumcised Philistine** will be like them, because he has spoken against the armies of the living God."*
1 Samuel 17:36 (NCV)

