

FOLLOWING GOD 05

DEFINING MOMENTS

WE ALL COME TO MOMENTS OF _____ THAT DEFINE OUR LIVES.

1 Samuel 17:20–23 (NIV)

20 Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry.

21 Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other.

22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were.

23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it.

I. _____ FOR THE MOMENT

Competence requires you to _____.

Character requires you to _____.

MASTER YOUR _____

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NASB95)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going.

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT _____
_____ WOULD PREPARE YOU TO FIGHT A _____?

1 Samuel 17:8–11 (NLT)

8 Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. “Why are you all coming out to fight?”

10 I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!"

1 Samuel 17:24 (NLT)

As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright.

1 Samuel 17:26 (NASB95)

Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? FOR WHO IS THIS UNCIRCUMCISED PHILISTINE, THAT HE SHOULD TAUNT THE ARMIES OF THE LIVING GOD?"

_____ PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS ATTACK COURAGE.

1 Samuel 17:34–36 (NASB95)

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock,

35 I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued it from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized him by his beard and struck him and killed him.

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

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT _____ WOULD
PREPARE YOU TO FIGHT A _____?

SOMETIMES YOU FEEL AS IF WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS INSIGNIFICANT AND
WASTED. YOU MIGHT NOT REALIZE IT BUT HE IS _____ YOU
FOR THE _____.

MASTER _____

1 Samuel 17:37 (NASB95)

37 And David said, "THE LORD WHO DELIVERED ME from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you."

DAVID WAS CONFIDENT BECAUSE HE WAS _____.

"I killed a lion and a bear."

DAVID WAS ALSO CONFIDENT BECAUSE HE WAS _____.

"The Lord delivered me."

BUILD YOUR WORTH AND VALUE ON WHAT _____ SAYS AND NOT
ON WHAT _____ THINKS.

Proverbs 29 Proverbs 29:23 (NASB95)

A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor.

_____ is like a pit bull and success lets it off the chain.

Stop resenting your circumstances. Realize that if you haven't had your moment yet, then God is using your circumstances to _____ you for your _____.

II. _____ THE MOMENT

The Holy Spirit leads us to the edge of the cliff and asks, "Do you _____ me?" In that breathless moment you either follow by _____ or shrink back in _____.

WILL _____ DEFINE MY MOMENT OR WILL _____ DEFINE MY
MOMENT?

1 Samuel 17:41–46 (NLT)

41 Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him,

42 sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy.

43 "Am I a dog," he roared at David, "that you come at me with a stick?" And he cursed David by the names of his gods.

44 "Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!" Goliath yelled.

45 David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!

Watch what happens.

1 Samuel 17:48 (NLT)

As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him.

**CONSIDER HOW DIFFERENT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD DAVID LET
_____ WIN OUT OVER _____. SEIZE THE MOMENT.**

III. _____ THE MOMENT

1 Samuel 17:49–50 (NLT)

49 Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground.

50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.

1 Samuel 17:52 (NLT)

Then the men of Israel and Judah gave a great shout of

**YOUR DEFINING MOMENT IS SOMEONE ELSE'S MOMENT OF
_____.**