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DAVID

A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

1 Samuel 17

**What giant challenge
are you facing?**

**PHILISTINE
FORTRESS**



**ISRAELITE
FORTRESS**



**ELAH
VALLEY**



Anxieties can paralyze you

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Facing Fear with Calm Confidence

Find out the facts

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David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel?”

(1 Samuel 17:26, NIV)

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(1 Samuel 17:28, NIV)

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(1 Samuel 17:28, 30, NIV)

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“Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied.
“There’s **no way** you can fight this Philistine and **possibly** win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.” **But David persisted.** *(1 Samuel 17:33, 34a, NLT)*

Affirm my source of strength

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“The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine!”

(1 Samuel 17:37, NIV)

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“Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals.”

(1 Samuel 17:43,44, NIV)

Affirm my source of strength

“David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin...”

(1 Samuel 17:45, NIV)

Affirm my source of strength

“...but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”

(1 Samuel 17:45, NIV)

If I see my **identity** with **clarity**

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I'll have **courage** in **adversity**

Affirm my source of strength

“This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head.”

(1 Samuel 17:46, NIV)

Affirm my source of strength

“This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals and the whole world will know that **there is a God in Israel.**”

(1 Samuel 17:46, NIV)

Affirm my source of strength

“All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for **the battle is the Lord's**, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

(1 Samuel 17:47, NIV)

The David Difference: **God**-focus vs. **giant**-focus













My giant is...

**My giant is....
but my God is bigger.**

A close-up, low-angle shot of the head and shoulders of Michelangelo's David statue. The statue is made of white marble and is positioned on the right side of the frame, looking upwards and to the left. The background is a dark, blue-grey wall with vertical architectural lines. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the contours of the face and the texture of the marble.

**My giant is....
but my God is bigger.**



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a smooth, light green rock. The rock has the words "My God is BIGGER" written on it in black, hand-painted letters. The word "BIGGER" is in all caps and is larger than the other words. The hand is positioned palm-up, and the background is a wooden surface.

My God
is BIGGER

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a smooth, green, heart-shaped rock. The rock has the text "THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S" and "1 SAM 17:47" written on it in black marker. The background is a wooden surface.

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“As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.”

(1 Samuel 17:48, NIV)

Run to the battle

“**Then** the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines...”

(1 Samuel 17:52, NIV)

David wasn't just an example

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He was a forerunner.**

The Bottom Line:
Act on what
you say you believe



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