

# Facing Giants

## 1 Samuel 17

*1 Samuel 17:16 – For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.*

*1 Samuel 17:24 – Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him with great fear.*

*1 Samuel 17:28-29 - <sup>28</sup> When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."<sup>29</sup> "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"*

The people closest to David did not believe in him or who God was calling him to be.

### *1 Samuel 17: 36-37*

David had a reverence for God like no other.

### *1 Samuel 17:39-51*

Through David's most difficult challenge, he decided to be only his authentic self.

David wanted to win this battle not for his own glory, but for the glory of God.

The battle is the LORD's!

David sprinted towards his battle with boldness.

## **Timeless Truths**

### **1. Be who God has called you to be regardless of the opposition.**

David was misunderstood from his family and those around him. No one believed in him – this didn't stop David from fulfilling what God had asked him to fulfill.

Jesus was hated and rejected by those closest to him – *John 15:18*

### **2. Have a strong reverence for God**

David wanted to fight Goliath for his people, but he mainly wanted to defeat Goliath because he defied God.

### **3. Your protection comes from God – His word, and His promises.**

David knew the Israelites were God's chosen people and he would be with them through their battles and never leave them. He believed this with everything within him which is why he was so confident in God's promises.

**4. Be who God has called YOU to be. Be authentic.**

In David's most defining moment, he wasn't anyone but himself.

**5. Live your life so God can be glorified, not so that you can be.**

David did not want to win the battle so he could be celebrated. He wanted to win to glorify God and to spread his name to those who didn't know him.

**6. Fight your battles with boldness, not timidity.**

David sprinted towards his challenge.

*2 Timothy 1:7 - For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.*

## 7. The battle is the LORD's

Our Christian walk is difficult. We will face trials and tribulations in our life, but we must know the promises of God so we can declare them over our lives.

*John 16:33 - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Jesus has defeated the enemy already. We don't need to live in a negative and defeated mindset. He has won the victory. Live in that victory and take heart that Jesus has overcome the world.

We are not fighting our battles alone, we have an almighty God on our side, fighting for us! Believe like David did.