

## WE ARE NOT DAVID IN THE STORY OF DAVID AND GOLIATH!

The Philistines now mustered their army for battle and camped between Socoh in Judah and Azekah at Ephes-dammim. Saul countered by gathering his Israelite troops near the valley of Elah. So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them.

Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver’s beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield. Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. “Why are you all coming out to fight?” he called. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!” When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken. **1 Samuel 17:1-11 (NLT)**

## HOW DO I STAND IN FAITH WHEN FACING MY GIANT

### 1. GET THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE ON THE GIANT

As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. “Have you seen the giant?” the men asked. “He comes out each day to defy Israel.”

**1 Samuel 17:24-25 (NLT)**

David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?” **1 Samuel 17:26 (NLT)**

If God is for us, who can ever be against us? **Romans 8:31 (NLT)**

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*

**Ephesians 1:18-21 (NIV)**

### 2. TELL SOMEONE THAT THE GIANT IS DEAD

Then David ran over and pulled Goliath’s sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head. **1 Samuel 17:51 (NLT)**

As soon as David returned from killing Goliath, Abner brought him to Saul with the Philistine’s head still in his hand. **1 Samuel 17:57 (NLT)**

### 3. GO AHEAD AND SING A VICTORY SONG

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure **Psalms 16:9 (NIV)**

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<b>THIS WEEK’S READING:</b>	<b>JUN 7:</b> ROM. 12; 1 SAM. 23-24; PS. 67
<b>JUN 4:</b> ROM. 9:30-10:21; 1 SAM. 19; PS. 64	<b>JUN 8:</b> ROM. 13; 1 SAM. 25; PS. 68
<b>JUN 5:</b> ROM. 11:1-24; 1 SAM. 20; PS. 65	<b>JUN 9:</b> ROM. 14; 1 SAM. 26; PS. 69
<b>JUN 6:</b> ROM. 11:25-36; 1 SAM. 21-22; PS. 66	<b>JUN 10:</b> ROM. 15:1-13; 1 SAM. 27-28; PS. 70

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