

DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY
DAVID AND THE DWARF
1 SAMUEL 17:1–54



The Heart of the Matter

All of us are much more familiar with the names of believers in the Scripture than unbelievers . . . with one exception: Goliath. Hands down, Goliath is doubtlessly the most famous heathen in the entire Bible. Christians and non-Christians alike are able to relate the story that transpired centuries ago in the valley of Elah. But there is so much more than a shepherd lad who killed a giant. Between the lines of the account in 1 Samuel 17 are timeless, relevant, usable principles that apply to us as we face the “giants” of our own world—giants that are dwarflike when compared to the One who empowers us.



Discovering the Way

1. Goliath: Front and Center (1 Samuel 17:1–11)

In a valley west of Jerusalem, with a slowly unraveling king, Israel faced the Philistines and their imposing champion, Goliath.

2. Enter: David “The Giant” (1 Samuel 17:12–39)

David came from Bethlehem to bring food to his soldiering brothers, and in the process volunteered himself to fight the giant, Goliath.

3. Exit: Goliath “The Dwarf” (1 Samuel 17:40–54)

David’s unwavering faith in the Lord carried Him onto the battlefield with courage, where he won the battle and paved the way for Israel to win the battle over the Philistines.

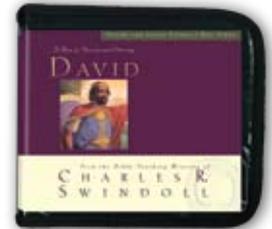


Starting Your Journey

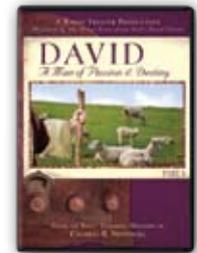
We all have “giants” that we must face. Here are four principles to keep in mind as you enter into battle: facing giants is an intimidating experience, doing battle is a lonely experience, trusting God is a stabilizing experience, and winning victories is a memorable experience.



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