

## “Do Something Big For God”

1 Samuel 17

### A. God often calls us to tackle something bigger than we can handle on our own...

1. So, when it looks big...

*“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 armor that 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.” Vs 4-6*

2. And...when it sounds big...

*“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!’” Vs 8-10*

3. And...when it feels overwhelming...

*“When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.” Vs 11*

4. It’s scary because our natural response is to fear.

*“As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. ‘Have you seen the giant?’” Vs 24-25a*

### B. When God calls us to tackle something big, the enemy will battle us even before we begin...

*“Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him,” Vs 41*

1. So, remember that the enemy will try to intimidate us by making things look worse than they are. He will make fun of our resources.

*“‘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.” Vs 43*

2. The enemy will try to intimidate us by making things sound worse than they are. He will attack at our weakness.

*“sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy.” Vs 42*

3. The enemy will try to intimidate us by making us feel worthless. He will belittle us.

*“‘Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!’ Goliath yelled.” Vs 44*

4. But we must remain confident that the same resources that God has used in the past will be the resources that He will use in the future.

*“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19*

### C. So, when God calls us to tackle something big, we must know the source of our strength...

1. We must have faith remembering that God is our helper.

*“I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God!” Vs 36*

2. We must have faith that, in the same way that God has delivered us in the past, He will deliver us in the future. He has a proven track record.

*“The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!” Vs 37*

3. We must not run from our fears but run at them to avoid being overtaken.

*“As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him.” Vs 48*

4. The greatest source of our strength will be in the promises of God. We must remember that we will not overcome by our strength or our power but by our faith in a mighty God.

*“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. 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! And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues His people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD’s battle, and He will give you to us!’” Vs 45-47*

*“... ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.” Zechariah 4:6*

## God is Enough!

### Get a vision of what God can do!

*“For nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:37 NKJ*

*“For the Word of God will never fail.” NLT*

*“For no promise of God can fail to be fulfilled.” Phillips*

### Get a vision that is bigger than you!

*“Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20*

### God will be enough...you bring joy to Him!

*“For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.” Zephaniah 3:17*

### God is enough for your needs!

*“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19*

### God is enough when there is trouble!

*“God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.” Psalm 46:1*

### God is enough when tempted to worry!

*“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.” Philippians 4:6*

### God is enough...you are valuable to Him!

*“Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.” Matthew 6:26*

### God is enough when you feel weak!

*“Each time He said, ‘My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.’ So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9*

### God is enough...keep your trust in Him!

*“Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the LORD will lack no good thing.” Psalm 34:10*

### God is enough, just as He promised!

*“He always stands by His covenant—the commitment He made to a thousand generations.” Psalm 105:8*

### God is enough for all the details!

*“Then, turning to His disciples, Jesus said, ‘That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear.’” Luke 12:22*

### God is enough! He has great things ahead!

*“Some time later, the LORD spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, ‘Do not be afraid, \_\_\_\_\_, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.’” Genesis 15:1*



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