

**B. The Size of the Challenge. Read 1 Samuel 17:4-7**

4. What was the name of the Philistine giant? Where was he from?
5. What is the size of the giant?
6. Describe his armor?

**C. The Shout of the Challenge. Read 1 Samuel 17:8-10**

7. What message did Goliath shout out to the armies of Israel?
8. How many would fight in the battle?

**D. The Seriousness of the Challenge. Read 1 Samuel 17:16**

9. For how many days did Goliath shout threats to the armies of Israel?
10. How often each day did he challenge them?
11. Describe the emotions that must have been felt by the armies of Israel each time they heard Goliath speak? (Read 1 Samuel 17:11)
12. When you have giants in your life, how often do they challenge you? What times of the day do they bother most on your mind?

**II. THE CHAMPION OF THE LIVING GOD. On that forty-first day, Goliath had every confidence that he would be the champion of the battle. On that same day, David had no idea that he would even be in a battle, much less, the winner.**

**A. He Was Consistent in the Routine Things. Read 1 Samuel 17:12-20)**

13. Name David's older brothers who went to war with Saul.
14. When he was not playing his harp for Saul, what did David do?
15. What errand did David's father ask him to do?
16. When did David begin the task his father gave him?

17. What did he do about his sheep?
18. How did David respond to doing small, everyday tasks?
19. When we are faithful in small things, what has God promised? (Read Matthew 25:21)

**B. He Was Challenged by the Impossible Things. Read 1 Samuel 17:23-27**

20. While talking to his brothers, who did David see for the first time?
21. How did the armies of Israel regard this giant?
22. What reward was promised to the man who would go fight and defeat Goliath?

**C. He Was Committed in Spite of Ridicule. Read 1 Samuel 17:28-33**

23. Can you think of several reasons why David's oldest brother, Eliab, criticized David for wanting to fight the giant?
24. Whom did David choose to fight – his brother or the giant? Why do you think he made this choice?
25. Who else criticized David for taking on the giant's challenge?
26. In all the Kingdom of Israel, who was the obvious one to fight the giant? Who showed he was really the right king?
27. Why is it important that you choose your battles? Can you find yourself fighting the wrong thing?

**D. He Was Courageous in the Lord. Read 1 Samuel 17:34-37**

28. Who was David bragging on, himself or the Lord?
29. On what experiences did David base his faith?
30. How had doing the menial task of shepherding prepared David for this battle?

41. Why do you think David kept Goliath's armor?

42. What spiritual trophies do you have? Do you use them to encourage you when you face new challenges?

**CONCLUSION:** Intimidation is one of the greatest weapons of Satan, but the secret of David's life was that he knew "the battle was the Lord's". David didn't try to impress anyone. He just did what God told him to do. His only interest was that the Lord be honored. And David didn't waste his victory over Goliath. He made sure he had trophies to help him remember what the Lord had done. God doesn't want us to waste our spiritual victories, but keep them readily available when the next battle comes. How do you not waste your victories? Remember them! And never forget, "The battle is the Lord's Battle"!

31. What spiritual victories in your life have helped to give you faith and trust in the power of the Lord?

**E. He Was Confident in the Spirit. Read 1 Samuel 17:38-39**

32. How does this passage tell you that Saul was still trying to depend on the flesh and not the Spirit of God?

33. How does David's response to Saul by refusing the untested armor show his Godly wisdom and dependence upon the Lord?

**III. THE CONQUEST BY THE LIVING GOD. There were only two people that day who believed that David would come out of this battle alive. David and God.**

**A. The Instruments of David. Read 1 Samuel 17:40.**

34. What were the 3 weapons David chose? Why were these weapons the best choice?

35. Why do you think David chose five stones instead of one? How does this show the extreme courage and faith of David? (Read 2 Samuel 21:22)

**B. The Insult to God. Read 1 Samuel 17:41-44**

36. What was Goliath's reaction to Israel's choice as a champion to fight him?

**C. The Intimidation of the Giant. Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47**

37. Did David take the insults personally? If not, whom did David consider insulted?

38. Considering that David descended from Judah, why do you think Satan wanted David dead?

**D. The Impact of a Champion. Read 1 Samuel 17:48-54**

39. In your own words, tell how David killed Goliath.

40. What do you think went through the minds of both the Israeli Army and the Philistine Army?

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**THE TENDER WARRIOR, THE LIFE OF DAVID**

1 Samuel 17:1-54

**When Two Giants Meet**

As Americans, our lives will never be the same again. September 11, 2001 now stands as infamous as December 7, 1941. Many of us are old enough to have witnessed both events. Yet, for many of us, this is a new experience. No matter which category you are in, you have, no doubt, felt a sense of sorrow, frustration and great patriotism these past weeks. Unlike the identifiable markings of the planes that attacked Pearl Harbor, this latest enemy has no face, and this is part of our frustration. How do you fight that which you can not see? This latest attack against our country is just part of the age-old war between God and Satan. America has stood with Israel against the rest of the world, and Satan has always hated Israel and hated anyone who stood with her. Go with me about three thousand years ago. Once again we find Satan using another evil giant in an effort to destroy the nation of Israel, especially the line of Judah. Being human, the army of Israel could see no way to defeat this great enemy. Contrary to the events that happened these past weeks in our lives, Israel could see her enemy, and I mean really see it! That was part of the problem. However, David had been given the ability to see as God sees, and David was neither depressed nor intimidated. As I studied this lesson, I thought how relevant this story is for us today. How gracious is the timing of God. In this grim hour, we need to know that no matter how powerful the giants are in our life, God is more powerful; and, just like David; we need to see as God sees.

**I. THE CHALLENGE TO THE LIVING GOD. Actually before Creation, this war began. And the prize is the souls of men. Battles have been fought for centuries through mankind itself. It is the "The War Between Good and Evil".**

**A. The Scene of the Challenge. Read 1 Samuel 17:1-3**

1. Who were the enemies of Israel?

2. Where were the armies gathered to do battle? To which tribe did this land belong?

3. Describe the battlefield?