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Something bigger in view

1 Samuel 17



“17 Now Jesse said to his son David, “Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. 18 Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them.”

1 Samuel 17: 17-18

What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

1 Samuel 17: 26

David vs Eliab

Who do you think you are?

What you do has no real significance.

I will always assume the worst about you.



David vs Saul

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.”



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The background features a dramatic, high-contrast scene of David and Goliath. On the left, a small silhouette of David stands on a rocky outcrop, looking towards the right. On the right, a much larger silhouette of Goliath stands on a higher ledge, holding a spear and a large shield. The background is a fiery, orange and red sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

David vs Goliath

The birds and wild animals

Scale armour

God vs Every Battle

“Goliath is not really the problem here. A leather strap and a little rock can fix him. The real menacing giant in this story is the unbelief that dominates the hearts of God’s people. The obstacle is not found in God; it is not found in God’s opponents; it is found in God’s own people. I suspect God was more insulted by Israel’s disbelief than He was by Goliath’s blatant, blasphemous defiance. We should expect Goliath to respond the way he does, but the people of God should know better.”

God vs Every Battle

The question is not who or what the battle is against but who is fighting for you.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:12

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“ The Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand. ”