

# DEVELOPING A HEART OF FAITH

## Crushing The Giant, Part 4

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1 Samuel 17:1-52

3 Characteristics of a "Goliath"

- A "Goliath" is a problem that is bigger than you are.
- A "Goliath" defies your power to defeat it.
- A "Goliath" forces you to rely on God.

## 4 STAGES IN DEVELOPING A HEART OF FAITH

1. Learn From \_\_\_\_\_

*David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth..."*

*The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."*

Verses 34-37

*Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:25-27*

2. Overcome \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

*David asked those standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel?"*

*... When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."*

*"Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before. Verses 26-30*

How do you react to criticism that is:

- \* accurate?
- \* inaccurate?

3. Resist Pressure to \_\_\_\_\_

*Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head...*

*"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." Verses 38-40*

4. Stay Faithful in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Life.

*"Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!" Verses 41-44*

*David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." Verses 45-47*

*As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone... 1 Sam 17:48-52*

One little stone, in the power of God, is stronger than anything this world can throw against you.

This is not really a story about David defeating Goliath, it's a story about \_\_\_\_\_

*\*All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted.*