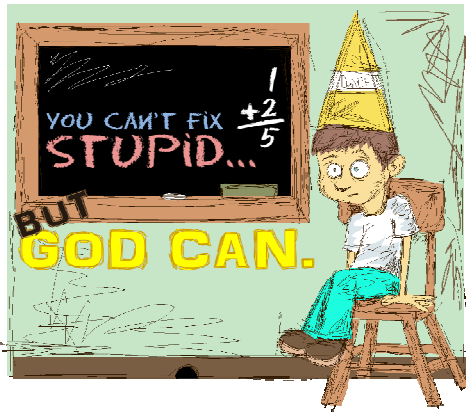


SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:45-47 NIV** David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. **[46]** This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. **[47]** 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."

➤ Winning victories is a _____ experience.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:48-51 NIV** As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. **[49]** 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. **[50]** So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. **[51]** David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

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You Can't Fix Stupid, But God Can – Sermon #5 Conquering Gigantic Challenges 1 Samuel 17:32-54

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1. IT IS STUPID TO LOOK AT GIGANTIC CHALLENGES FROM THE _____ LEVEL.

➤ Those with ground-level perspective are _____ - _____ by giants.

1. We get over-whelmed because giants are generally found in the _____ of life.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:1-3** Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Socoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Socoh and Azekah. **[2]** Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. **[3]** The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

2. We get over-whelmed because giants are powerful and _____.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:4-10,16** A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. **[5]** He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; **[6]** on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. **[7]** His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him. **[8]** Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. **[9]** If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." **[10]** Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." **[16]** For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

- Those living with ground-level perspective refuse to _____ their giants.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:11** *On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.*

1. Israel refused to face Goliath because they were _____ to death.
2. Without God – facing giants is _____.
3. It only takes one giant to _____ people looking at life from the ground-level.

2. GIGANTIC CHALLENGES _____ THOSE WHO LOOK AT LIFE FROM A "GOD-LEVEL".

- Giants look like great _____ to those with a "God-level" perspective. (1 Samuel 17:17-39)

1. A "God-level" perspective sees the _____ as the Lord's.
 SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:26** *David asked the men standing near him, "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?"*

2. A "God-level" perspective gives us _____ in the Lord. (1 Samuel 17:31-33)
 SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:33** *"You are not able to go against this Philistine...(who) has been a warrior from his youth".*

3. Confidence in the Lord comes from _____ experiences.
 SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:34-39** *"The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine..."*

- Gigantic challenges are _____ doors to those living with a "God-level" perspective. (1 Samuel 17:40-54)

1. Opens the door of _____.
 SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:40-45** *Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine...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.

2. Opens the door of _____.
 SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:46-47 [46]** *This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. [47] 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."*

➤ 3. Opens the door of _____.
 SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:48-54** *"...David ran quickly...put his hand into his bag and took...a stone and slung it...and the stone sank into his forehead...So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.*

3. KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER FOR YOUR _____ BATTLES.

➤ Doing battle is a _____ experience.
 SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:38-40 NIV** *Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. [39] David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. [40] Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.*

➤ Facing giants is an _____ experience.
 SCRIPTURE – **1 Samuel 17:41-44** *Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. [42] He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. [43] He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. [44] "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"*

- Trusting God is a _____ experience.