

Fight, Fight, Fight!

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Text: [1 Samuel 17](#)

Introduction

- Every believer faces a battle.
- Most of us have a “Goliath”:
 - Fear, addiction, lust, failure, depression.
- Giants do not simply disappear — they must be faced

I. The Advantage of the Giant

- The battle took place in the Valley of Elah

([1 Samuel 17:1](#)).

- Goliath’s physical advantage:

◦ His size and armor inspired fear

([1 Samuel 17:4–7](#)).

- Goliath issued a daily challenge

([1 Samuel 17:8–9, 16](#)).

- Israel’s response:

◦ Fear and paralysis

([1 Samuel 17:11](#)).

Truth:

- Giants often come **day and night** and will not go away on their own.

II. The Attitude Toward the Giant

- David saw the same giant — but with a different perspective
([1 Samuel 17:25–26](#)).
- Israel focused on Goliath's size.
- David focused on **God's covenant and God's name**.
- Goliath was uncircumcised — outside God's covenant
([1 Samuel 17:26](#)).

Key Contrast:

- Israel saw Goliath.
- David saw God.
- Courage grows when God becomes bigger than the giant.
- Even faithful obedience can be met with opposition
([1 Samuel 17:28](#)).

III. The Action Toward the Giant

- David refused to fight with Saul's armor
([1 Samuel 17:32–33, 38–39](#)).
- God's battles cannot be won with someone else's armor.
- David acted in faith using what God had already given him.

A. David Acted on What He Knew

- God had delivered David before
([1 Samuel 17:34–35](#)).
- Past victories built present faith.

Principle:

- Remember victories, not defeats.

B. David Acted on What He Had

- David approached Goliath with confidence in God's name
([1 Samuel 17:40, 42–43](#)).
- David declared victory in the name of the Lord
([1 Samuel 17:45–47](#)).
- "The Lord of hosts" = **Jehovah-Tsaba**, the Lord our Warrior.

Perspective Shift:

- To Saul: Goliath was too big to hit.
- To David: Goliath was too big to miss.

The Victory

- David ran toward the giant by faith
([1 Samuel 17:49–50](#)).
- God used what David placed in His hands.
- Israel's fear turned into victory.

Conclusion

- David asked the defining question:
"Is there not a cause?"
([1 Samuel 17:29](#)).
- God calls His people off the mountainside and into the valley.
- Giants are defeated **in the name of Jehovah-Tsaba**.

