

# 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**.

