



## Right Story; Wrong Role

I Samuel 17:1-11 (NIV)

*Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah. <sup>2</sup> Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. <sup>3</sup> The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them. <sup>4</sup> A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup> He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; <sup>6</sup> on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. <sup>7</sup> His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.<sup>[a]</sup> His shield bearer went ahead of him. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup> Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." <sup>11</sup> On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.*

I Samuel 17:19-28 (NIV)

I Samuel 17:31-37 (NIV)

I Samuel 17:40-53 (NIV)

## I. Lessons in Courage from a Kid:

1. Courage is formed in the pasture. (I Samuel 17:34-36)
2. Courage is found when we look past our giants to the greatness of our God! (Psalm 25:1-2; Psalm 25:5)
  - Courage is acting confidently in our own armour. (I Samuel 17:38-39)

## II. Lessons in Victory from the King:

1. Victory is for those who know they are pursued! (I Samuel 17:34-35)
2. Victory is for those who understand representative warfare. (I Samuel 17:8-9; Romans 5:18)
3. Victory is for those who know the real giant has fallen.

Lesser giants fall when:

- We live daily with a passion for God's glory! (I Samuel 17:26)
- We live with an awareness of God's power!
- We look to Jesus as our champion!

Exodus 14:14 (NIV)

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."