**The Secret to Facing Your Giants**

(1 Samuel 17:48-51 KJV)

*48And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. 50So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. 51Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.*

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od has chosen a new king for the nation of Israel. He was not looking for Hercules, the Incredible Hulk, or Superman. Instead, He was looking for a man after God's own heart. A young man named David is personally anointed by God to be the next king of Israel. David was not a henpecked feather fluffing man—but he was:

* **He was a clever man—**cunning in playing the harp and careful in speech.
* **He was a courageous man—**a valiant man of war.
* **He was a commendable man—**prudent in matters and carefully thought matters out.
* **He was a comely man—**He was beautiful, vigorous, and strong.
* **He was a consecrated man—**The Lord was with him.

Here in this chapter we identify David at the front line trenches on the battlefield. His father Jessie had sent him there to give his brothers provisions and supplies—for forty days they have been deported to the front line. And nothing has progressed except posturing, yelling, and threatening back and forth between Israel and the Philistine Giant Goliath. Surprisely, there's plenty talk but not walk. David, hears the threats of Goliath and is about to make a difference.

He is about to do something about the problem of Goliath. So why? Why is David so confident? Why is he so courageous? The answer is Dejavu because David has gone through this before. So he's committed to do what God has commissioned him to do in spite of intimidation, terrorization, humiliation and frustration from his oldest brother Eliab.

At one point Eliab was upset and very angry that David came to the battle site. Why? Eliab ignores David's mission (deliver food). He insults David's ministry (feed sheep). He interprets David's motive (I know why you are here). Listen, Eliab doesn't know anything. He is angry I believe because he is bitter, jealous, and embarrassed that he's not bold enough to fight Goliath like David.

He tells David he came to just see the battle. His assumption was wrong. It's ironic that he said this because there wasn't any battle going on—David's challenging response was "Is there not a cause?"

There is an important truth here. Don't look for automatic applause from fellow Christians if God leads you to do something. They may not feel the same way as you or understand. Your biggest opposition may come from other Christians, Family Members, and especially from those closest to you. David was opposed and reprimanded by his brother! But criticism does not stop David. He goes on to do God's will and make a big difference. David is willing to, "Face His Giant!"