

What Great Things Can a Big God Can Accomplish Through Small People
4 Results – (1 Samuel 17:51b-58)

1. God Multiplies Efforts

^{51b} And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

David kills ONE MAN and the entire Philistine army flees! Be prepared to be amazed at what God does to supernaturally enhance the impact your efforts.

2. God Encourages Others

⁵² Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron. ⁵³

Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents.

God used David's willingness and obedience to do what he could with what he had, and the entire army of Israel was encouraged to fight! And the entire army enjoyed the results of battle (plunder). Know that others will be encouraged to stand (and fight) for God because YOU do!

3. God Gives Trophies

⁵⁴ And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

God provided lasting trophies:

- to encourage,
- to remind, and
- to build upon.

The head of Goliath encouraged the ENTIRE NATION that God was GOD, and that He should be obeyed and could be trusted to defeat the enemies of Israel. God would fight for them IF they would trust and obey Him.

The armor of Goliath was a trophy to encourage DAVID of what great things God could do through him. It was encouragement to David as an individual.

4. God Rewards "Warriors"

⁵⁵ When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son *is* this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know." ⁵⁶ So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man *is*." ⁵⁷ Then, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸ And Saul said to him, "Whose son *are* you, young man?" So David answered, "*I am* the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

Warriors – Those willing to stand for God with what they have, in spite of the circumstances or opinions of others. God will reward as He sees fit, in this life and the life to come.

God Promotes Faith-fulness (willing, persistent obedience). You do not need to pursue promotion – just be faithful where you are at, doing what you should be doing.

God will bring you to the attention of those that He wants you to know and possibly serve under (Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego). (Hebrews 11) (Rev 2-3)