

<p>God vs. Goliath: How God Uses Small People to Do Great Things</p> <p>1 Samuel 17:27-51 – Eagerly Engage (Boldly Battle)</p> <p>Do All That You Can with What You Have & Leave the Results to God</p>
<p>1. Expect _____ Fire</p> <p>^{28b} and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."</p> <p><i>Recognize that people will resist you for many wrong reasons (even those closest to you). Resistance may even include wrongful accusations about your motives (and qualifications?) regarding what you seek to do: Jealousy, Ignorance, Disagreement, Disbelief, Human perception apart from God (seeing with eyes not truth)</i></p>
<p>2. Target Your _____ (not Your Friends)</p> <p>²⁹ And David said, "What have I done now? <i>Is there</i> not a cause?" ³⁰ Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones <i>did</i>.</p> <p><i>Keep your eyes focused on the true battle (not those resisting you). HARD...</i></p>
<p>3. Be the _____</p> <p>³² Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."</p> <p><i>Make yourself available for great things. Don't be an arm chair quarterback. If you are not part of the solution, are you part of the problem? God is ready to use people who are ready to act upon His truth, rather than pointing out what cannot be done and why it cannot be done. Did God put me here for a reason (Esther? Daniel?)</i></p>
<p>4. Trust God's _____ (Trust God's previous successes)</p> <p>³⁶ "Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"</p> <p><i>Build your confidence on the previous faithful successes that God has given and on the strength of the lord (remembering that it is his battle).</i></p>
<p>5. Reject _____ Limits</p> <p>³⁸ So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested <i>them</i>. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested <i>them</i>." So David took them off.</p> <p><i>Do not yield to the temptation of working within the methods defined by men (David acted upon what he had proven and trained).</i></p>
<p>6. Use _____ Skills</p> <p>⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his</p>

<p>sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.</p> <p><i>Use what you know and have been faithful in developing (and leave the results to God).</i></p>
<p>7. Expect Enemy _____</p> <p>⁴² And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was <i>only</i> a youth, ruddy and good-looking. ⁴³ So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"</p> <p><i>Don't expect the enemy to think you a worthy opponent (or worthy of his time) – by the way, you are not a worthy opponent - God is! Do not fear or be discouraged by the talk of the enemy. They will seek to intimidate you (and to get you to look at your own human limitations! They are not the basis of your victory!).</i></p>
<p>8. Speak for _____</p> <p>⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ "This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ "Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle <i>is</i> the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."</p> <p><i>You represent God and His purposes, not your own. Verbally Express Your Representation of God and Confidence in God's Strength. Your purpose is not self-glory but the glorification of God. God is not hindered by any weapon.</i></p>
<p>9. _____ the Enemy (Eagerly Engage)</p> <p>⁴⁸ So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hastened and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung <i>it</i> and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.</p> <p><i>Take the offense with confidence, using what you have learned. David ran toward the enemy, when the army of Israel cowered. No army has won by defense alone.</i></p>
<p>10. Let _____ Win</p> <p>⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But <i>there was</i> no sword in the hand of David.</p> <p>Trust God to use what you have. God is looking for people to stand for Him. God has the means to win. David was there doing what he knew how to do. He showed up willing to fight with what he had to offer. God did the rest.</p>
<p>11. _____ the Job</p> <p>^{51a} Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. <i>Decisively complete what you have started. Do not celebrate at the wrong time or before the job is completed.</i></p>