

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

“Take Down the Giant!”

⁸ Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. “Why are you all coming out to fight?” he called. “I am the Philistine champion, but **you are only the servants of Saul**. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! ⁹ If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! ¹⁰ I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!” ¹¹ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, **they were terrified and deeply shaken**.

I Samuel 17:8-11 (NLT)

THEY WRESTLED WITH:

1. FEAR

GOD IS BIGGER THAN...!

²⁰ He arrived at the camp just as the Israelite army was leaving for the battlefield with shouts and battle cries.

²¹ Soon the Israelite and Philistine forces **stood facing each other, army against army**. **I Samuel 17:20-21 (NLT)**

THEY WRESTLED WITH:

1. FEAR

2. UNDERSTANDING

GOD IS NOT SURPRISED BY...!

²² David left his things with the keeper of supplies and hurried out to the ranks to greet his brothers. ²³ As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel. ²⁴ As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright... ²⁶ David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is **allowed to defy the armies of the living God?**”

I Samuel 17:22-24; 26 (NLT)

³² “Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!” ³³ “Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “**There’s no way** you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re **only a boy**, and he’s been a **man of war** since his youth.”
I Samuel 17:32-33 (NLT)

THEY WRESTLED WITH:

- 1. FEAR**
- 2. UNDERSTANDING**
- 3. PROBABILITY**

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF...!

⁴³ “Am I a dog,” he roared at David, “that you come at me with a stick?” And he cursed David by the names of his gods. ⁴⁴ “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled. ⁴⁵ David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ **Today the Lord will conquer you**, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! ⁴⁷ And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. **This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!**”

⁴⁸ As Goliath moved closer to attack, **David quickly ran out to meet him.** ⁴⁹ Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground. ⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. ⁵¹ Then David ran over and pulled Goliath’s sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head. **I Samuel 17:43-51**

GOD IS BIGGER THAN, NOT SURPRISED BY, AND HAS CONTROL OVER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.