

BADDEST MEN ON THE PLANET

The Giant Slayer

1 Samuel 17:8-11 (NLT)

*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! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" When Saul and the Israelites heard this, **they were terrified and deeply shaken**.*

THEY WRESTLED WITH:

1. FEAR

GOD IS BIGGER THAN...!

1 Samuel 17:20-21 (NLT)

*He arrived at the camp just as the Israelite army was leaving for the battlefield with shouts and battle cries. Soon the Israelite and Philistine forces **stood facing each other, army against army**.*

THEY WRESTLED WITH:

1. FEAR

2. UNDERSTANDING

GOD IS NOT SURPRISED BY...!

1 Samuel 17:22-24, 26 (NLT)

*David left his things with the keeper of supplies and hurried out to the ranks to greet his brothers. 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. As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright... 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**?"*

1 Samuel 17:32-33 (NLT)

*“Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!” “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.”*

THEY WRESTLED WITH:

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

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF...!

1 Samuel 17:43-51 (NLT)

*“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. “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled. 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. **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! 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!**”*

*As Goliath moved closer to attack, **David quickly ran out to meet him**. 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. So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. Then David ran over and pulled Goliath’s sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head.*

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