

GOLIATH MUST FALL

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1 Samuel 17:17-18, 20

¹⁷ Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah [20 quarts] of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. ¹⁸ Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them..." ²⁰ Early in the morning David left the flock with a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed...

- David resolved to be obedient, not a hero.

1 Samuel 17:28-30

²⁸ When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle." ²⁹ "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"

³⁰ He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before.

- David understood which battle to fight...and which one not to fight.

Sometimes we find ourselves spending all our energy on the Eliab's, and we've got nothing left for the Goliath's.

1 Samuel 17:45-47

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

- David's Giant right-sized Goliath.

Saul was Goliath-focused, that produced fear

vs.

David was God-focused, that produced courage



"Welcome, Child," he said.

"Aslan," said Lucy, "you're bigger."

"That is because you are older, little one," answered he.

"Not because you are?"

"I am not. But every year you grow, you will find me bigger."