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### Giant Lessons Worth Remembering

#### 1. Facing giants is an \_\_\_\_\_ experience

<sup>16</sup> For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army.

**1 Samuel 17:16 (NLT2)**

<sup>24</sup> As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright.

**1 Samuel 17:24 (NLT2)**

<sup>28</sup> But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "What are you doing around here anyway?" he demanded. "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!"

**1 Samuel 17:28 (NLT2)**

#### 2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ God's training ground

<sup>32</sup> "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" <sup>33</sup> "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." <sup>34</sup> But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a

lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. <sup>36</sup> I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! <sup>37</sup> The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the LORD be with you!"

**1 Samuel 17:32-37 (NLT2)**

<sup>38</sup> Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. "I can't go in these," he protested to Saul. "I'm not used to them." So David took them off again.

**1 Samuel 17:38-39 (NLT2)**

#### 3. Trusting God is a \_\_\_\_\_ experience

- David had \_\_\_\_\_ in a huge God

<sup>45</sup> 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. **1 Samuel 17:45 (NLT2)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ in God fueled his \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>46</sup> 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!

**1 Samuel 17:46 (NLT2)**

- David knew God \_\_\_\_\_ His people

<sup>47</sup> 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!”

**1 Samuel 17:47 (NLT2)**

4. Winning victories is a memorable experience

<sup>50</sup> So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. **1 Samuel 17:50 (NLT2)**

- Focus on Giants . . . . . You \_\_\_\_\_
- Focus on God . . . . . Your Giants will \_\_\_\_\_

5. Never forget that the battle is the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>10</sup> A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **Ephesians 6:10 (NLT2)**

The God who made a \_\_\_\_\_ out of David stands ready to make one out of \_\_\_\_\_!

**My Next Step Today Is To...**

- Read and Meditate on 1 Samuel 17:1-51
- Ask Jesus to be Lord in my life, enabling me to face the battles of life leaning on Him.
- Seek God’s direction in identifying the giants in my life.
- Commit to glorifying God with my words, actions and testimonies.
- Stand firm in my faith in God to mold me, use me and deliver me for His glory.