

June 28 / Sunday

Soccer: A Header Wins the Game

Read [1 Samuel 17:1-50](#)



29 / Mon – The opponent | Read [1 Samuel 17:1-11](#) and [16](#)

As you read the description of this battle, you can see there was a lot at stake. It started first with psychological warfare. Read v. 4-7 for a description of this formidable enemy: a 9'9" seasoned, fully equipped warrior, obnoxious, arrogant, self-confident, and mocking. Have you ever faced an enemy like this in your life? Maybe it wasn't a real person but a desperate circumstance through which the devil repeatedly mocked you. How did you face that enemy?

30 / Tue – Repeat performance | Read [1 Samuel 17:12-15, 17-26](#)

This was not a one-time challenge. By the time David showed up on an errand for his father, the king and his soldiers had heard those scorching words twice a day for forty days, eighty tortuous repetitions, and no resolution. Can you imagine the fear that was pounded into their heads? Who could fight such a foe? See David's response in verse 26 when he heard the enemy's challenge for the first time. Who speaks truth into your life as David did to those cowering soldiers?

01 / Wed – Look back | Read [1 Samuel 17:31-37](#)

You see the source of David's courage when you read his answer to King Saul. It was rooted in his history with God. David described how God helped him win repeated victories against enemies in the past and he was confident God would help him defeat the enemy in front of him. If you sat down to make a list, what would some of your stories be? What about stories others have told? These will add fuel to the fire of your faith in the midst of your present circumstances.

02 / Thu – What's really going on | Read [1 Samuel 17:41-50](#) / [2 Corinthians 10:4-5](#)

David recognized that Goliath wasn't just attacking King Saul's army; he was mocking the God they served. The weapons David took with him to face the giant weren't just a slingshot and five stones. He took with him the truth. His assault on Goliath did not start with slinging a rock at his forehead but by first proclaiming the truth of who God is. The battle was the Lord's because it was His honor at stake. What enemy are you facing? How could this truth apply to you?

03 / Fri – The real threat | Read [Matthew 16:21-23](#) / [Ephesians 6:10-18](#), especially v. 12

It might seem at times like you are fighting a person but maybe there's more. Just like the Holy Spirit speaks words of encouragement to you through other people, so the devil can attack you through what others say without realizing it. When you understand that ultimately you are not fighting against flesh and blood but against the lies and half-truths with which the devil tries to destroy your peace and confidence in God, then you are looking at the real enemy.

04 / Sat – Keep focused | Read [1 Samuel 17:51-53](#)

Just as David's confidence and victory over Goliath brought courage back to King Saul's army, so your example can be the inspiration that helps others win their own battles. One person's attitude or actions *can* change the outcome of a seemingly impossible situation. What made David's example so powerful was his focus. It wasn't on his circumstances; it was on honoring God no matter what it might cost him personally. Is that a commitment you are willing to make?