

QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. The Hebrew word *hārap* (to deride, mock, defy, taunt) appears six times in 1 Samuel 17. How does the repeated use of this word provide the focus of the chapter?
2. How was David's work as a shepherd used later in his life? How can your current faithfulness in small things possibly be used in the future?
3. Goliath wasn't the only opposition that David faced. What can we learn from Eliab and Saul's response to David?
4. How and where have you seen God's name dishonored? What does God want you to do about it?
5. If someone were to hear your thoughts and words when you face dangers and troubles, what would they hear? Would they hear about the living God?
6. Facing giants can be an intimidating and lonely experience. What have you learned from this chapter and how will you apply it?

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.”

1 John 5:4

“David has to fight three Goliaths in this chapter, for in his oldest brother Eliab he faces the contempt of Goliath and in Saul he meets the mind of Goliath (i.e., it's only the experienced and equipped warrior who carries the odds of winning). All that before he faces the carcass of Goliath himself.”
Dale Ralph Davis

“Your “inadequacy” may be precisely your qualification for serving God; for His strength shines most brightly behind the foreground of your weakness.”
Robert Bergen

THE LIFE OF DAVID PART 2: WHEN GOD IS BIG AND GIANTS ARE SMALL **1 SAMUEL 17** JANUARY 28, 2018

I. Introduction

- The driving concern of this chapter is the _____ of _____.

II. When facing the giant in your life you need to:

- A. See the battle from a _____.

- The men of Israel thought Goliath was _____; for David he was only _____.
- If you want to conquer the Goliath in your life you must begin by _____ what God calls it.
- When the lion, bear, or giant comes into your life, recognize you cannot allow it to have its way. You must confront it immediately. Will you _____ and _____ God?

B. Focus on the _____
rather than on the problem.

- God gives _____ through
what the world regards as _____.
- David will be victorious not because he has true
_____ but because he _____ the
true God.

C. Go _____ with a focus on
_____.

- Looking _____ in faith enabled David
to _____ in
faith.

III. Conclusions

- Facing giants is an _____
experience.
- Going to battle can be a _____
experience.
- Trusting God is a _____
experience.
- God given victories are _____
experiences.

Memory Verse: God's Omniscience

*"Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of
them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the
very hairs of your head are all numbered."*

Matthew 10:29-30