

THE BATTLES BEFORE THE BATTLE

A STORY OF OVERCOMING EXCUSES

1 Samuel 17



**David wasn't in
the army.**



**The giant was a
surprise to him.**



**He entered a culture
and context of fear.**

When Saul and all Israel heard
these words of the Philistine,
they were dismayed and greatly
afraid.

1 Samuel 17:11



**No one else had taken
up the challenge.**



**David received his oldest
brother's ridicule.**

And Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."

1 Samuel 17:28



**David was an unlikely
candidate to be chosen.**



His senior-most leader reacted negatively to him at first.



**David had never been in this
kind of battle.**



Saul tried to impose typical methodology upon David.



**Words hurled against him
didn't stop him.**

1 SAMUEL 17:41-44

⁴¹ And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance.

1 SAMUEL 17:41-44

⁴³ And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field."



**David was outsized,
out-equipped, and outnumbered.**



**The giant moved
toward him.**

1 SAMUEL 17:45-47

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

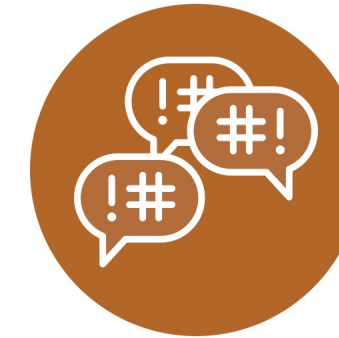
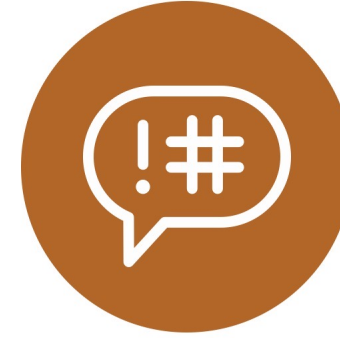
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⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

1 SAMUEL 17:45-47

⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."

WHAT'S STOPPING ME?

















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Tuesday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m.
in the Social Center