

“Strategies for Victory, Part 2” 1 Samuel 17

God doesn’t choose the able, he enables the chosen.

STRATEGIES FOR VICTORY WHEN YOU FACE LIFE’S GIANTS

1 Sam 17:32-37 32 David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." 33 Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

- Training and preparation. 1 Samuel 17:33-37

Prov 21:31 31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.

1 Sam 17:40 40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

- The commitment to go all the way. 1 Samuel 17:40

2 Cor 4:8-9 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

- Seeing beyond the majority. 1 Samuel 17:33; 28-30; 41-44
- Go public with your faith. 1 Samuel 17:36-37; 26, 45-47

Psa 26:12 12 My feet stand on level ground; in the great assembly I will praise the Lord.