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- 1 Samuel 17**
- **The Battlefield—Valley of Elah—17:2**
  - **The Opposition—Goliath of Gath and the Philistine Army—17:4**
  - **The Crisis—Nobody wanted to face Goliath—17:11**
  - **The Volunteer—David said, “I will go.” 17:32**
  - **The Weapons—Swords and shields vs. sling and stones—17:5-7, 38-40**
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**Life is Filled With  
Giant-Sized Challenges**

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**Every Giant You Face  
Creates Either  
Intimidation or Competition**

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**...for God gave us a spirit  
not of fear but of power  
and love and self-control.**

**—2 Timothy 1:7 ESV**

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**God is Equipping You Today  
For Battles You Will Face  
Tomorrow**

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**<sup>12</sup>Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul the man was already old and advanced in years...  
<sup>15</sup>but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem...  
<sup>17</sup>And Jesse said to David his son, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers."**

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**<sup>20</sup>And David rose early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and took the provisions and went, as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the encampment as the host was going out to the battle line, shouting the war cry.  
<sup>21</sup>And Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army.**

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**<sup>22</sup>And David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage and ran to the ranks and went and greeted his brothers.  
<sup>23</sup>As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.  
<sup>24</sup>All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were much afraid.  
—1 Samuel 17:12, 15, 17, 20-24 ESV**

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**For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.**

**—2 Chronicles 16:9 ESV**

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**<sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts... <sup>10</sup>For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. —Zechariah 4:6, 10 ESV**

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**God is Faithful  
in the Fight**

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**A life without faith  
is a life that is  
sure to find defeat.**

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**FIVE FOR  
FIGHTING**

TACTICAL INSIGHTS FROM THE LIFE OF DAVID

**MEN'S  
FORUM**  
A PLACE OF PURPOSE

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