

1 Samuel 17 Lesson 15 - Lessons and Principles

1. The other soldiers seemed to focus on the danger of the battle and the material reward, while David focused on the reputation of Israel and the honor of the Living God. We do battle with Goliaths in our lives all the time, when you face a giant where is your focus? (vv. 25-27)
2. Eliab, David's oldest brother was being very judgemental toward David and was even angry with him because he thought he knew what David's motivations were when he didn't. We should never draw conclusions about someone's motives for doing something because we can't see what's in their heart.(vv. 28-30)
3. David fought two battles that day the first was against Satan through the rebuke and ridicule of his own brothers and most likely laughter and jeers from others in the Israelite camp, but David didn't let that defeat him. He maintained his composure and his faith and trust in the Lord and won both battles at that time. Goliath was already defeated! We too can meet with more trouble from our friends than from our enemies. Hold strong in your faith! (vv. 28-30)
4. "Your servant will go and fight the Philistine". David didn't say, someone should go and fight he said, I will go and fight this enemy. Be the one! Be the one that stands up to your enemy, not the one that stands on the sideline, be the one that puts on the full armor of God and goes to battle with the prince of darkness.(v. 31-32)
5. Goliath drew near to quickly kill David. David didn't run away, he didn't hide, he didn't panic instead he ran to meet him. This is where many Christians struggle, am I going to do it or is God going to do it? The answer is yes, God does it and we do it. Trust God, rely on Him, and get to work and work as hard as you can – run right at the enemy. That's how the work of God is done.(vv. 48-49)