

## **7 Keys to Victory**

***Goliath represents Satan  
Satan seeks a stronghold  
God allows a test***

### **1. The Preparation**

**1 Samuel 17:15** but David went back and forth so he could help his father with the sheep in Bethlehem.

**Luke 16:10** If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.

### **2. The Vision**

**1 Samuel 17:26-27** David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?" <sup>27</sup> And these men gave David the same reply. They said, "Yes, that is the reward for killing him."

### **3. The Determination**

**1 Samuel 17:32-34a** "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" <sup>33</sup> "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth." <sup>34</sup> But David persisted...

***The fear of Goliath made Saul a coward, but the fear of God made David a hero!***

### **4. The Small Things**

**1 Samuel 17:34b-37** "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. <sup>36</sup> I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! <sup>37</sup> The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the LORD be with you!"

***If you can't take down the lion and the bear, you have already lost to Goliath!***

### **5. The Protection - Ephesians 6:10-13**

**1 Samuel 17:38-40** Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. "I can't go in these," he protested to Saul. "I'm not used to them." So David took them off again. <sup>40</sup> He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

### **6. The Power - Acts 4:7-17**

**1 Samuel 17:42-45** sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. <sup>43</sup> "Am I a dog," he roared at David, "that you come at me

with a stick?" And he cursed David by the names of his gods. <sup>44</sup> "Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!" Goliath yelled. <sup>45</sup> David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

## **7. The (God's) Glory**

**1 Samuel 17:46-47** Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!

<sup>47</sup> And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!"

***Will you be a "young David"?***