

These Three Kings:
On the Life of King David
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"David and the Dwarf"
1 Samuel 17

Idea: God takes our problems and turns them into opportunities to make spiritual heroes.

1. Heroes _____ in the right perspective.

My giant is _____,
but my God is _____.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalms 34:18)

2. Heroes _____ at who should receive credit.

This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. (vs.46)

3. Heroes _____ for moments of crisis.

"David went out to tend his father's flock in Bethlehem" (vs. 15)

Heroes prepare for moments of _____.
"Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine..."
(vs. 32)

- Saul looked at Goliath and said,
"Too big to _____."
- David looked at Goliath and said,
"Too big to _____."

Going Deeper

1. B.F. Westcott wrote: "Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men." In your last encounter with a "giant," how did that reveal you as a hero? How did that reveal you as a coward?
2. Metaphorically speaking, your giant is either a "who" or a "what." Who have been your giants? What has been your giant?
3. How has your giant crisis revealed what you have become?
4. Your encounter with a giant is a battlefield on which you must survive. How has that battle become a platform where the power of God has been displayed?
5. We have observed that David prepared for his encounter with Goliath by saturating himself with the Word of God. Is there any evidence that Joseph, Moses or Paul did the same? How about Jesus at His Temptation (Matthew 4)?
6. Do you look at your "giant encounters" as obstacles or opportunities? Explain.
7. Read Psalm 34:18. How would this promise help you in your next encounter with a giant?

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