



# Beating the Goliaths of Life

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It is hard to know what else to say as we are facing this virus pandemic. The way it has disrupted our lives and families, individually and as a church, can leave us feeling overwhelmed and overshadowed. It is in these times, when words seem lost, that we turn to God's Word for strength and inspiration.

What a wonderful story is found in 1 Samuel 17. We find a small Jewish boy named David overcoming a nine-foot giant named Goliath. There is an example in David for overcoming ANY of the obstacles in our lives. In order to overcome the giant, David looked at four things.

First, he looked at the problem. This giant was not going to just go away. Before we can get over any problem, we must first acknowledge it. The reason many people cannot overcome problems is that they will not face them.

Second, he looked at his power (v.37). He realized that his power was in the Lord. We desperately need to realize that a person without God is NOTHING and God without a person IS STILL GOD.

Third, David looked at his past victories. The Lord had delivered him from a lion and a bear, "and He will deliver me from this giant," said David. We should look at what God has brought us through and it will encourage us in what we are facing.

Fourth, he looked at the crisis with a positive attitude. David could have said, "He was so big he would have killed me!" Rather, he thought "He is so big...I can't miss!" Every action stems from our attitude as well. As individuals and as a congregation, we often think in the negative. "I can't do this, I just don't have it in me," or "We can't support this program or that mission, we may not have the resources.", or "I just don't know how to face (and help my family face) the future with all this uncertainty." I know I certainly haven't had the best attitude dealing with this Goliath-type pandemic and have needed an attitude adjustment from the Lord. Again, that's when he takes me back to His Word.

Dear friends, with God, all things are possible. Will we know what His deliverance will be for each of us from this Goliath-type pandemic? Not specifically, but in Christ we do have specific hope and confidence that in this life and the life to come, He is guiding us, just like young David.

As we look ahead, let's be encouraged to let God help us overcome the Goliaths in our lives.

In Christ's service and yours,

Pastor Love