

# MARINERS CHURCH



## Hope in Giant Problems

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Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. 1 Samuel 17:4-7

Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. "Choose one man to come down here and fight me! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" 1 Samuel 17:8-11, 16

## My problems will not define my reality.

David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?" Then David's question was reported to King Saul, and the king sent for him. "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" 1 Samuel 17:31-32

"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, 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. 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! The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" 1 Samuel 17:33-36

## I build upon the foundation of my life with God.

**HOPE:** God is in charge of life and my life, and no matter what happens, good or bad, He is in control and it will OK.



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For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:10

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. 1 Samuel 17:40

## I become personally engaged in God's story.

"Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?" 1 Samuel 17:26

"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. Today the LORD will conquer you... and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people..." 1 Samuel 17:46-47

Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground. 1 Samuel 17:49

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

Talk it Over! For your LifeGroup and accountability partners...

Read all of 1 Samuel 17.

Talk about Goliath (personality, character, etc.) What did he put his hope in?

Talk about Saul (personality, fears, character). Why didn't he go fight the giant?

Why do we let our problems define our reality and how do you 'pull out of that'? (Look at Colossians 3:1-3. How can this apply?)

What do you think it means to become "personally engaged in God's story"? Why was God's reputation and cause so important to David?

How does this help you in your problems/issues?