**1 Samuel**

*I Samuel 17*

Follow-Up: Power of music

* 15 And Saul’s servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. 16 Let our lord now command thy servants, [which are] before thee, to seek out a man, [who is] a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. (1 Samuel 16:15-16)
* And it came to pass, when the [evil] spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him. (1 Sam 16:23)

Background

* Six cubits high – 9’6” using 18”cubit
* Coat of mail (5,000 shekels of brass) – About 125 to 175 lbs
* Spear head (600 shekels of iron) – About 15 lbs
  + 4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height [was] six cubits and a span. 5 And [he had] an helmet of brass upon his head, and he [was] armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat [was] five thousand shekels of brass. (1 Samuel 17:4-5)
* Anonymity of Jesse
  + Now David [was] the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name [was] Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men [for] an old man in the days of Saul. (1 Samuel 17:12)
  + 55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son [is] this youth? And Abner said, [As] thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell. 56 And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling [is]. 57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 58 And Saul said to him, Whose son [art] thou, [thou] young man? And David answered, I [am] the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite. (1 Samuel 17:55-58)
* David returned to Israel
  + But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father’s sheep at Bethlehem. (1 Samuel 17:15)
* Israel was in combat before David faced Goliath
  + And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. (1 Samuel 17:2)
  + Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, [were] in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. (1 Samuel 17:19)
  + For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army. (1 Samuel 17:21)
* Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days
  + And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. (1 Samuel 17:16)
  + In the Old Testament, when God destroyed the earth with water, He caused it to rain 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7:12). After Moses killed the Egyptian, he fled to Midian, where he spent 40 years in the desert tending flocks (Acts 7:30). Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights (Exodus 24:18). Moses interceded on Israel’s behalf for 40 days and 40 nights (Deuteronomy 9:18, 25). The Law specified a maximum number of lashes a man could receive for a crime, setting the limit at 40 (Deuteronomy 25:3). The Israelite spies took 40 days to spy out Canaan (Numbers 13:25). The Israelites wandered for 40 years (Deuteronomy 8:2-5). Before Samson’s deliverance, Israel served the Philistines for 40 years (Judges 13:1). Goliath taunted Saul’s army for 40 days before David arrived to slay him (1 Samuel 17:16). When Elijah fled from Jezebel, he traveled 40 days and 40 nights to Mt. Horeb (1 Kings 19:8).
  + The number 40 also appears in the prophecies of Ezekiel (4:6; 29:11-13) and Jonah (3:4).
  + In the New Testament, Jesus was tempted for 40 days and 40 nights (Matthew 4:2). There were 40 days between Jesus’ resurrection and ascension (Acts 1:3).
    - Read more: http://www.gotquestions.org/40-days-Bible.html#ixzz33b4ytCo2
* Answer to Eliab’s accusations given in Scripture
  + And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab’s anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. (1 Sam 17:28)
    - And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. (1 Sam 17:20)

Is it personal?

* Goliath - I defy the armies of Israel
* And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. (1 Sam 17:10)
* David took Goliath’s taunts personally
  + And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who [is] this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? (1 Samuel 17:26)

Is there a cause?

* And David said, What have I now done? [Is there] not a cause? (1 Samuel 17:29)

Will you run to it not from it?

* Israel’s Response
* Dismayed
* Greatly feared
  + When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. (1 Sam 17:11)
* Fled
* Sore Afraid
  + And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. (1 Samuel 17:24)

David’s Response

* Effort was in the name of the LORD (v 45)
* Great faith (v 46-47)
  + Bolstered by David experiencing God’s faithfulness in the past
    - And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered [it] out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught [him] by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. (1 Samuel 17:35)
  + NOTE: If you never chase the bear, you may never personally learn about God’s faithfulness
    - David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. (1 Samuel 17:37)
* Ran to the battle (v 48)
  + 45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. 46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle [is] the LORD’S, and he will give you into our hands. 48 ¶ And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. (1 Samuel 17:45-48)