

I'LL FIGHT YOU FOR IT

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I Samuel 17:1-47

At some point in the life of the church and the life of people of faith, we will be called upon to fight against the voices of good and evil. At some point in the life of every man and woman of God, retreating will not be an option. You will have to stand and fight. This is not referring to putting up your dukes or pulling out your switchblade. There will come a day when your back is against the wall. You will be between a rock and a hard place. There will come a day when what you believe will be tested. You will have to practice what you preach.

We are living in such a time so we must be prepared to fight. **Ephesians 6:10-13** The story of David and Goliath has captured the hearts of adults and children in Sunday School and church for many years. A person who has never set foot in the church knows something about that story. A person who has never read the Bible can tell you something about David and Goliath. It is a story about a challenge between a giant champion and a little shepherd boy. Israel's army ran for forty days when Goliath showed up. They were terrified and had lost all hope as we have today when it comes to facing our giants. We are terrified; and we have lost all hope.

Giants can be impressive, intimidating, and overwhelming. Goliath was a big man. He was much bigger than Saul, the tallest man in Israel's army. Giants die. Giants come down. At this very moment, someone is facing a gigantic circumstance that seems impossible to get through. Be reminded that the bigger the giants, the harder they fall. David was shocked to see Israel's army running for cover from Goliath instead of readying for battle. You cannot fix what you will not face. We must face the Goliaths in our lives for they will not just go away. You can run and hide all you want. However, when you emerge your giants will still be there. David was ready to fight and battle.

As soon as David was ready for battle, his older brother, Eliab, became upset. He told David that Goliath could not be defeated. Therefore, David had to deal with his brothers before he dealt with Goliath. They wanted to hold him back and tell him what he would not be able to do. Sometimes we have to deal with our Eliab situations before we defeat our giants. People want to hold us back and tell us what we cannot do. Eliab was gifted and bright. However, he had no anointing. Shamar was talented but he wasn't anointed. Don't be impressed by the resume. Don't be fascinated by what you see. We are looking at the physical, but God is looking at the heart and the spirit. Out of all seven of Jesse's sons, David, the young, little shepherd boy, was chosen as the anointed by God. Sometimes people hate on you not because of what you can't do but because of what you can do. They hate on you because of your gifts. But, if you don't have, at least, fifteen haters you need to go and find you some more. If you don't have someone trying to hold you down and keep you from moving forward, you need to find someone. Let your haters keep you on your knees. Let them motivate you to keep moving forward.

Satan is trying to distract you. If he can keep the local church fighting with the mega church, we will never unite and fight the issues in the world. This is not the time to fight one another. It is the time to fight against evil and turn back to God.

Saul was giving David a lesson to teach him how to retreat from his enemies. However, David knew he was prepared to fight. David used what God did in the past to help him in his present. Fueled by the past, He had faith for the present. We have a history with a God who delivers. God has already delivered you from some things and you need to remember this is not the first time you've been troubled. He is the same God who delivered you back then. He is able to deliver you now.

Saul gave David weapons but David didn't want to use them. If the weapons worked so well why didn't Saul use them? Our weapons aren't the weapons of this world. David was able to go against a giant and defeat him. He told Saul that the faith he had was worth fighting for. Everywhere we turn, there is a new giant to face. It makes you wonder how you keep from going under. The world is looking at us, the people of God, to see if we practice what we preach. They are trying to see if we actually have faith in what we believe. There are some things worth fighting for. When the Goliaths of this world come up against you, you need to man-up/woman-up and get your slingshot. Prepare yourself and face it. Tell that giant, "I will fight you for it. I'm on the battlefield for my Lord."

Peace

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