The Real Giant

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INTRODUCTION

- We want to draw some lessons from that in how people viewed David.
- Usually there's only one view, one opinion that ultimately matters. And that's the case in the story of David and Goliath.
- I'm going to offer to you that I think David was the real giant on that battlefield.

1 Eliab's View of David: A Critic

1 Samuel 17:26–29; Hebrews 12:14–15

- I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you've come down to see the battle. And David said, What have I done now? Is there not a cause?
- Eliab's view of David is that of criticism.
- No matter what you do, no matter what endeavor, how godly and how righteous it might be, expect an Eliab in your life.
- Look carefully, lest anyone should fall short of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.
- Be careful in your criticism that it's not a root of bitterness that's springing up within you by which you'll be defiled.
- Don't be alarmed by it, and please don't let it cause you to quit doing what you need to do.

2 King Saul's View: You Can't Do It

1 Samuel 17:32–33; Romans 8:31

- Saul's view of David was, you can't do it.
- You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he is a man of war from his youth.
- You're always going to have a King Saul standing on the sideline saying, You can't do it.
- It's a story of God being with his people. And what can be done when God is with his people.
- What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
- The message of David and Goliath is that any guy or gal, whether big or small, with God on their side, can defeat a giant.

3 Goliath's View: A View of Disdain

1 Samuel 17:40–44; Ephesians 6:12

- When the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him. For he was but a youth, ruddy and good looking.
- Am I a dog that you come out against me with sticks?

- This view of David, the view of Goliath, was a view of disdain. How dare you? Who are you to come against me?
- You're going to be viewed this way by Satan himself.
- Against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenly places.

4 The Only View That Mattered: God's View

1 Samuel 17:45–47

- Don't forget the only view of David that mattered on that day. Is the only thing that matters in your life. And that was God's view.
- You come to me with a sword and a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts.
- The Lord does not save with sword or spear, for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.
- All that mattered is that the Lord was with him and would give him the victory against his giant.
- When you read that statement of faith from David, I think you have to conclude with me. He was the giant on that battlefield.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We fight against principalities, against powers that boggle our mind. But if we have that assurance and that faith that God is on our side, we can be the giant.**

MY NOTES