



BIG PROBLEM
BIG GOD



1 Samuel 17

PHILISTINES
VS
THE ISRAELITES

GOLIATH:
Champion of the
Philistines





GOLIATH:

*9-1/2 ft. tall

*125lb armor
coat

*Spearhead
weighing 15lbs,
staff like a
weaver's beam

1 Samuel 17:8

Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, “Why have you come out to line up for battle? *Am* I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

God VS god

The Philistines knew of the superiority of Israel's Deity over Dagon, a fish-tailed man-deity

AN UNFAIR FIGHT



1 Samuel 17:10

And the Philistine said, “I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.”



SAUL: the giant of Israel

TWO MOUNTAINS, TWO ARMIES

- The armies were not very large.
- A relatively small valley separated them.
- 40 days would be enough time for large armies to make a flanking movement around the ends of the valley.





DAVID:
A delivery boy directed by
God to save his people



DAVID:
Young man of great faith



1 Samuel 17:24

And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.

ISRAEL'S RESPONSE

1 Samuel 17:26

... For who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

DAVID'S RESPONSE

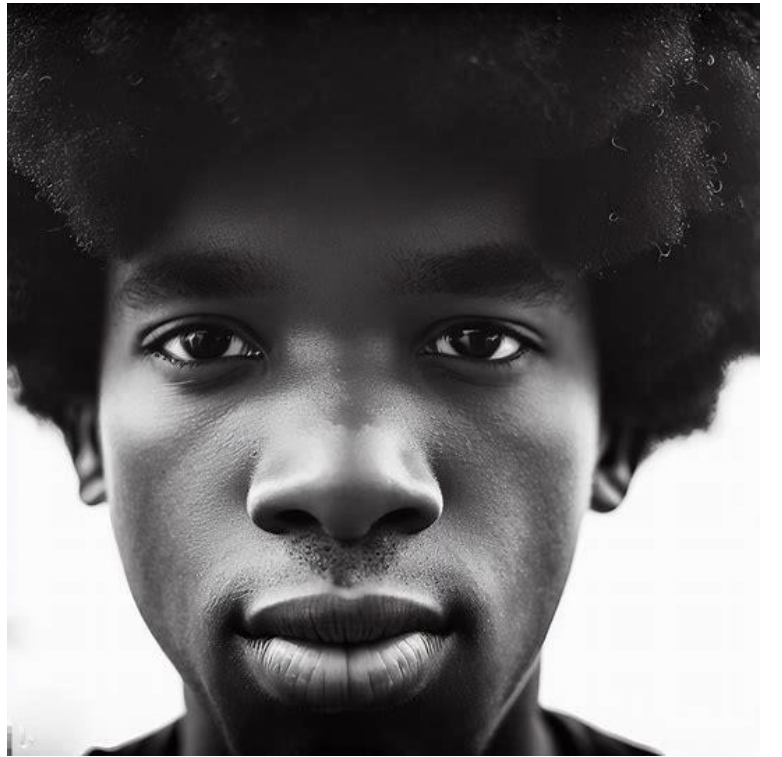
DAVID' BATTLE IN THE FAMILY

Eliab, angry with David accuses him, "I know your pride and the insolence of your heart".

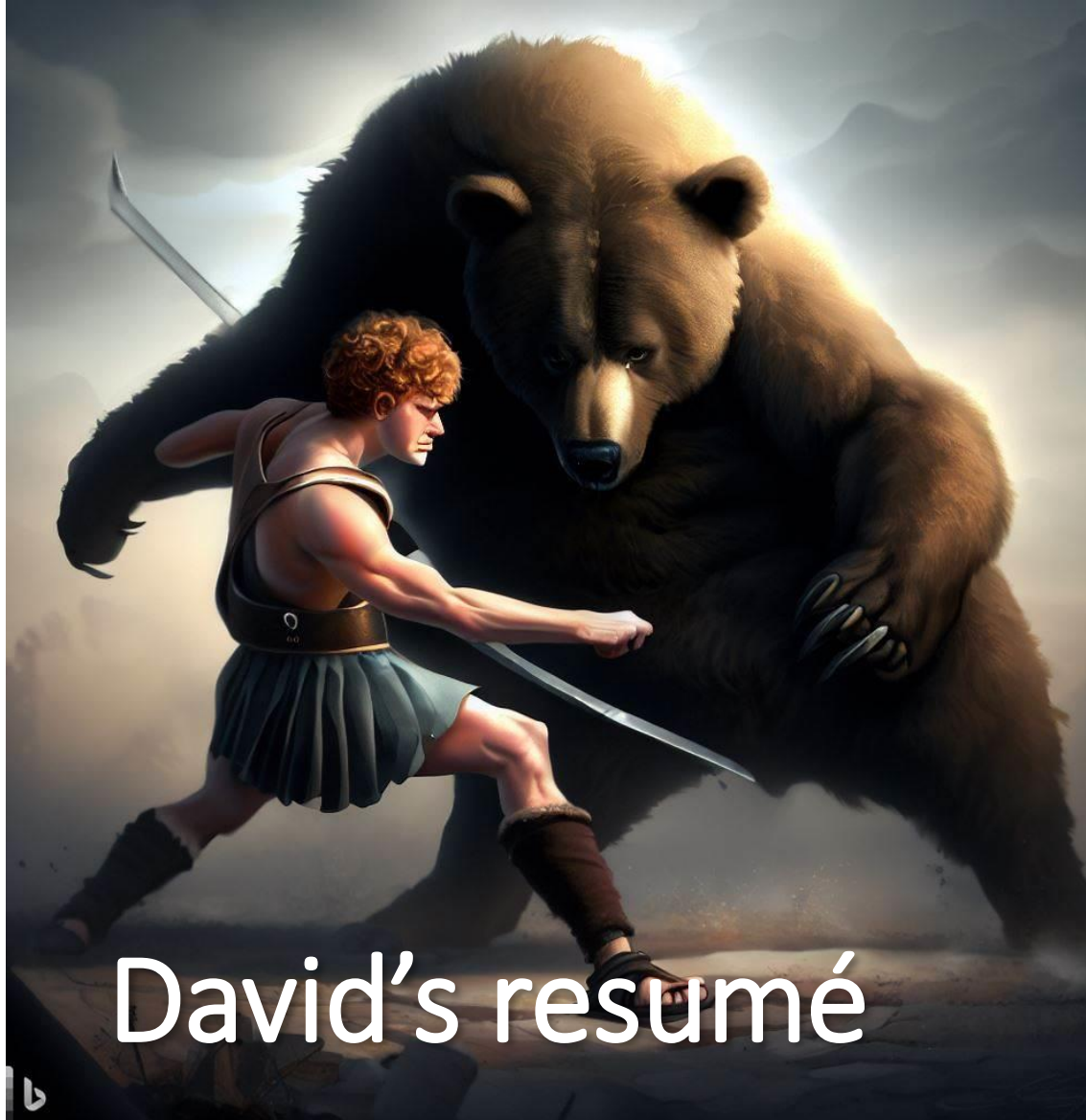


1 Samuel 17:32

Then David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”



“YOU ARE JUST A YOUTH”



David's resumé



1 Samuel 17:37a

Moreover David said, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” ...



1 Samuel 17:37b

... And Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you!”



SAUL ARMS DAVID

- SAUL trusted in his armor
- DAVID trusted in his God



“I HAVE NOT
PROVED THEM”
is evidence of:

- FAITH in other equipment that he had previously tested
- RELIANCE on experience in meeting new situations as they arose.



Goliath's response

“Am I a dog, that you
come to me with sticks?”

1 Samuel 17:45

David's response

Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

1 Samuel 17:46

David's response

This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

1 Samuel 17:47

David's response

Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands."



DAVID'S THIRD VICTORY IN ONE DAY

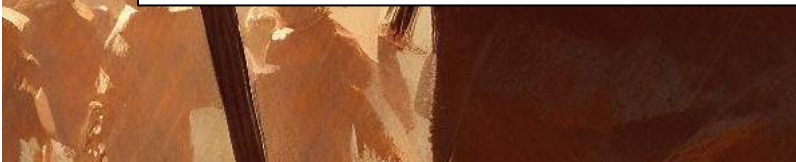
- **His first victory** came when he was taunted by Eliab as being unfit for anything but caring for sheep.
- **His second victory** was won when he was escorted to the presence of the king.
- **The third** victory was over Goliath







WHAT GIANT ARE YOU FACING TODAY?



1 Samuel 17:58

And Saul said to him, “Whose son *are* you, young man?”

So David answered, “*I am* the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.”



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