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What Does it Take to Slay the Giant in Your Life?

1. Solemn Determination

1 Samuel 17:32–33, HCSB -³² David said to Saul, "Don't let anyone be discouraged by him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine!" ³³ But Saul replied, "You can't go fight this Philistine. You're just a youth, and he's been a warrior since he was young."

2. Unwavering Confidence

1 Samuel 17:34–37, NASB95 -³⁴ But David said to Saul, "When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued it from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶ "Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God." ³⁷ And 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." And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you."

3. Invisible Armor

1 Samuel 17:45, NIV84 - ⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but <u>I come against you in</u> <u>the name of the LORD Almighty</u>, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

4. Godly Dependence

1 Samuel 17:47–49, NASB95 -⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands." ⁴⁸ Then it happened when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground.

5. God-Honoring Results

1 Samuel 17:50, NIV84 - ⁵⁰ So <u>David triumphed over the Philistine with</u> <u>a sling and a stone</u>; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

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Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling
in his hand, approached the Philistine. -1 Samuel 17:40, NIV84

Five Smooth Stones

The Stone of the Past • "I once killed a lion and a bear." The Stone of Prayer • "The Lord...will rescue me." The Stone of Priority • "...that all the earth may know there is a God..." The Stone of Passion • "The Lord will rescue me from his hand." The Stone of Persistence • "David brought Goliath's head...to Jerusalem."



LIFE APPLICATION SECTION: What does it take to slay a giant?

- A. Don't listen to your critics.
- B. Focus on God rather than the giant.
- C. Believe in what God can do.
- D. Your biggest sin will be the sin of unbelief.
- E. Seize divine opportunity.
- F. Fight *from* victory!