

“WHO’S FIRST?”

1 SAMUEL 17

Truth is we all have giants – each in different shapes, sizes and colors – that seek to intimidate us and master us! But is killing giants and developing a giant-killing strategy the main lesson we are to take away from this account?

① The Background (1 Samuel 15)

Saul’s thinking was clearly not God’s thinking.

Woven into Saul’s responses is a mindset, a paradigm fixed on a very humanistic perspective.

To Saul, _____ was best! To Saul and the people, their _____ was best! To Samuel (at least at first), _____ appearance was best!

Instead of _____ children, God finds Himself with _____ children having a diminishing reliance upon the One alone who works all things together for good!

② The Passage (1 Samuel 17)

The entire emphasis of the passage is not David’s defeat of Goliath and consequently how we too can defeat the _____ in our life. Instead, the

main emphasis here is upon God’s defeating of Goliath and how He too can strengthen us and carry us through the battlefield since the _____ is the Lord’s, not ours!

③ The Aftermath (1 Samuel 16,17)

The text carefully does not turn its entire attention to the _____ of God but to the God of _____!

The text intentionally and purposefully downplays the _____ of David at the end of this account, even though David is supposedly known by the king.

The events are out of _____ order. It is not an act of _____ but an act of _____.

CONCLUSION

This passage emphasizes that the battle is the Lord’s, that the battle plan is the Lord’s, but that _____ is ours.

We all have giants in our life but the giant killer is not a man or a sling but God alone!

Where is God situated in your resources?

1. In your t_____.
2. In your t_____.
3. In your t_____.
4. In your t_____.