

# **Put ME in Coach!**

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*1 Samuel 17:24-31*

## **Developing a Desire to get in the Game**

### **1. We have to claim victory over ourselves.**

*1 Samuel 17:28*

"When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

#### **A. Failure**

*2 Corinthians 13:5-7 (Message)*

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it."

#### **B. Success**

*Galatians 6:8-9*

"Those who sow to please their sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; those who sow to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

### **2. We have to defeat our doubts.**

*1 Samuel 17:32-33*

"David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him. Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are little more than a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

#### **A. You are who God made you to be.**

*1 Samuel 17:38-39*

"Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off."

*Titus 2:13-14*

"...while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

### **3. We have to defeat our giants.**

*1 Samuel 17:42-44*

"He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

## **A. Be Yourself.**

*1 Samuel 17:48-49*

“As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.”

## **B. Trust God.**

*1 Samuel 17:45-47*

“David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied... All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

***“Oh, put me in, coach – I’m ready to play today!”***