

OBJECT LESSON

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Some problems **appear huge**.

I Sam 16:7; 17:1-10

How can we **view huge problems**?

I Sam 17:11-40; Pr 3:5-7;
Is 43:2; II Cor 4:8-10

Huge problems will **reveal God's power**.

I Sam 17:41-54;
Phil 1:19-21; Hab 3:17-19

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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DISCUSSION

1. Read 1 Samuel 17:4-11 and verse 26. Note how Goliath views the Israeli army as servants of Saul (v. 8), and David views it as the army of the living God (v. 26). How is this significant in how we see ourselves?
2. Read v. 37. Note how David's confidence in the Lord seemed to influence Saul's thinking to turn toward the Lord. Describe a time when someone's faith caused yours to grow.
3. In this story, most took a shallow view of David and his confrontation with Goliath. See 1 Sam. 16:7 and Acts 13:36. Discuss why it is typical to look on the outside of people and circumstances.
4. Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47. Describe a time when you or another person stood boldly for the Lord.
5. In what ways does God show us His awesome size, power, and greatness?
6. How can we help others view huge problems through God's eyes without being uncaring, appearing insensitive, or merely spouting platitudes?
7. Read 2 Timothy 1:7; Psalm 27:1-3, and Psalm 121. How do these passages inform how we should view fear amid huge problems?
8. Share a time when you have seen God's power in the middle of a huge problem. Have you shared this story with others? Why or why not?

APPLICATION

9. What is the "Goliath" that you are currently facing? How can you use David's example as a way to confront and defeat this giant?
10. David risked himself for others because he trusted in God. In what ways is the Lord asking you to trust Him and take a risk for the good of others?