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### What's impossible with God?!

- Where are you at in your faith journey?
- What giants are you facing?
  - How are you handling them? Facing them? avoiding them? denying them?
  - How does God see them?
  - This story is more about awesome, bold faith,
    - Than human ability,
    - Than grit, intestinal fortitude
    - Or even luck, or a big break.

### This well-known story:

- The writer's *deliberate writing techniques*.
  - He made the account longer...58 verses!
  - 912 words in Hebrew
  - More quotations than any other story: 22
    - Including 33 words of a foreigner, Goliath
  - He included descriptions of normally omitted aspects of the narrative:
    - Pieces and weight of Goliath's armor
    - Number of cheeses and loaves
    - David's acquisition of stones for his sling
    - David's removal of sword from sheath.

### A well-known story: Saul

- David's absence from Saul's court
- Saul's non-recognition of David?
- How long between chapter 16 and 17?
  - Saul apparently allowed David to return to Bethlehem.
  - Long enough for David to mature and change physically?
  - But not long enough for David to be old enough for military service – 20 years old.

### Here in chapter 17: Awesome, bold faith in the presence of a giant.

Let's talk through this passage, to glean some important facts...

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## AWESOME, BOLD FAITH AGAINST A GIANT...

- I. **The impasse of the battle** (vs. 1-3,16).
  - A. Elah Valley
  - B. For 40 days
  - C. Fear and greatly dismayed.
- II. **The intimidating giant** (vs.4-9)
  - A. His height [9 feet 9 inches]
  - B. His armor – difficult to move
  - C. Fear (vs.10-11)
  - C. Designed to intimidate
- III. **The insignificant David** (vs.12-18)
  - A. Had returned from Saul (v.15)
  - B. Took good care of his sheep (v.20)
  - C. Does a menial task–takes provisions
  - D. This young man's faith!
- IV. **The interrupting brother, Eliab** (v.28)
  - A. Accusations...
  - B. Discouraging? – there is always opposition...
- V. **The ignorant Saul** (vs.31-39)
  - A. Forgetful?
  - B. The best match for Goliath was Saul
  - C. He discourages David – you can't (v.33)
  - D. David's testimony of trust in God
  - E. "Ok, here is my armor" – Saul
- VI. **The insults of Goliath** (vs.41-44)
  - A. Incredulous –
  - B. With his dead, false gods, now facing the one true God!
- VII. **The Response of David** (vs.45-47)
  - A. His confident response (v.48)
  - B. The conquered giant (vs.49-51)

### CONCLUSION:

- What giants are you facing?
- Is anything impossible for God?
- David, an example of a faithful, brave, servant of Yahweh.