

Game Changers - Part 10
The Law of Risk
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- Game Changers
- David - The Law of Risk
- How does someone become great?
- Defining Moment

1 Sam. 17:1-52 (1-7) (ESV) Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammin. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines. And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him.

4 Other Giants in Life:

A) TIME.

- The first giant in facing your dream is the wait
- There is always a waiting period.

1 Sam. 17:12-13a, 15(ESV) Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul the man was already old and advanced in years. The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle... but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

- There are going to be people who hold you back from the dream that God has for you.
- Sometimes the people who hold you back the most are those who love you the most.

1 Sam. 17:17-18 (ESV) And Jesse said to David his son, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers. 18 Also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See if your brothers are well, and bring some token from them.

- God always makes a way

1 Sam. 17:23 (ESV) As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

B) **TAUNTS**.

- Taunts = Discouragement

1 Sam. 17:8,11 (ESV) He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid."

- Sometimes people are wrong.
- The answer is they were listening to the wrong voice

1 Sam. 17:16 (ESV) For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.

- Question: Who are you listening to?
- Negativity is contagious

C) **TESTS**.

- The approval test
- They are afraid of rejection

1 Sam. 17:28 (ESV) Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. And Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."

D) **TEMPTATION**.

- The temptation to give up

1 Sam. 17:32-33 (ESV) And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."

- The experts are often wrong

How to Deal with Goliath:

1st) **RECALL** my little victories.

- I remember how God has helped me in the past.

1 Sam. 17:36 (ESV) Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.”

2nd) **REUSE** what I have.

1 Sam. 17:38-40 (ESV) Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” So David put them off. Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

- When you start going after the dream that God has given you, some people are going to oppose it

3rd) **REMOVE** the negative.

1 Samuel 30:6(KJV) but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

4th) **REMIND** God of his promises.

- If you're going to get a God given dream, you spend time with God

1 Sam. 17:45-46 (ESV) Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

- Sloppy obedience!