

# Not Him, the Other Guy

## *The Giant David Fought*

(2 Samuel 21:15-17)

- Introduction:
1. If I were to ask you the name of the giant David fought in the Old Testament, most people would answer, “Goliath.”
  2. Of course, that would be true, but I’m not talking about him, I’m talking about the other guy, named “Ishbi-benob.”
  3. Most people don’t remember David fighting this giant. Probably because things didn’t go so well in this battle.
  4. However, while this battle was not as glorious as his battle with Goliath, there are some great lessons to be learned from it.
  5. Let’s pick out a few of those lessons.

### I. Satan Is Not Impressed with Our Reputation

- A. (1 Samuel 17:43-46) David had a reputation as a mighty warrior.
- B. (1 Corinthians 10:12).
- C. One cannot rely upon past accomplishments to get him through present troubles.
- D. (Job 1:8-12) He went after a man God was bragging about.
- E. (Luke 4) He even went after Jesus.
- F. There is also a degree of vulnerability in our strength.
  1. (Numbers 12:3; 20:10-11) Meekest man on earth but fell by losing his temper.
  2. (Matthew 26:35,51; 26:69-70) Said he would give his life but denied Jesus before a young girl.
  3. Key – We pray for help concerning our weaknesses, but not for our strengths.

### II. Satan Does Not Give Up After Just One Defeat

- A. There are times when we will utterly defeat Satan, but he will return.
- B. (2 Samuel 16:5-11; 19:18-23; 1 Kings 2:8-9).
  1. David nobly forgives Shimei, but among his last words on this earth, he tells his son, Solomon to kill him.
- C. We all have our giants to kill throughout life.
  1. No matter what generation you’re in, you have giants to kill.
  2. What are some of the “giants” each group must defeat?
    - a. Teens.
    - b. College age.
    - c. Newly married or working.
    - d. Having children.
    - e. Reaching retirement.

- D. (Ephesians 6:11).
- E. Note that he tempted Jesus three times (Luke 4).

### III. We All Need Help at Times

- A. (2 Samuel 21:17).
- B. None of us are self-sufficient.
- C. Do you suppose this is one reason we have a corporate worship service that we are not to forsake (Hebrews 10:24-25)?
- D. (Galatians 6:2).
- E. David was fortunate to have a friend there to help him.

### IV. Our Roles of Service Sometimes Change

- A. David was no longer the great warrior that he once was.
- B. But David still was a tremendous value to Israel.
- C. (1 Corinthians 12:14-18).
- D. Just because you can't do what you once did in service to God, doesn't mean you are of no value.
- E. Find new ways to serve as your stations in life change.

- Conclusion:
- 1. We all have our giants to kill.
  - 2. Hopefully, we will enlist in the Lord's army, put on our armor, and join in the victory.