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**Introduction**

Last week we saw that God gives us jobs that may seem small to prepare us to take on very big and important tasks.

During these periods of small undertakings, He builds in us a faith that will carry us through the days of large challenges.

**I. THE BATTLEGROUND. (17:1-3)**

Picture the scene. A vast canyon enclosed by mountains on both sides. The Philistines on one side, the Israelites on the other.

**II. THE CHAMPION OF THE ENEMY. (17:4-11)**

Goliath, the Philistine hero, was no small man. (vs 4)

Not only was he huge, but he appeared impenetrable with all 9 1/2 feet of him armored and weaponed to the hilt. (vs 5-7)

He was intimidating not only with his appearance but with his words. (vs 8-10)

He gave this challenge not just once, but twice a day for forty days. (vs 16)

The response of Saul and the people is found in **verse 11**.

**III. THE SERVANT. (17:15-20, 34-36)**

Though David had been anointed by Samuel to be king, the young man showed no signs of arrogance or impatience.

It would have been very easy for a young man like David to become proud of his divine appointment and calling, but David did not.

He tended sheep and ran errands before he ever became the champion of the battle.

**IV. THE CONCERN. (17:21-27)**

David arrived at the battlefield just as the giant had come out to mock and rebuke the armies of God.

The troops were struck with fear, but David was smitten with concern.

David was concerned about the reputation of God and of God's people.

David was concerned that an ungodly man like Goliath could get away with public defiance of God.

He was concerned that no one in all the armies of Israel had courage enough to stand up against Goliath.

**V. THE PREPARATION. (17:28-40)**

**A. The Attitude. (17:28-30, 34-36)**

**B. The Armor. (17:31-40)**

**VI. THE CONFRONTATION. (17:41-47)**

**VII. THE VICTORY. (17:48-51)**

**VIII. THE RESULT. (17:51-58)**

**Conclusion**

David came one step closer to the throne. Through his victory over Goliath, he became a national hero.

We also see from this lesson that *"the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong"*.

The victory goes to those who trust in and wait upon the Lord.