

## HUMILITY GIVES YOU THE EDGE.

### David and Goliath

- Israel faces off against the Philistines...and the Philistines have Goliath – 17:1-7
- Goliath calls everyone out. No exceptions – 17:10 *And the Philistine said, “I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together.”*
- Everyone wimps out...including the king – 17:11 *When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.*
- David’s father sends him on a snack run for his brothers and they’re angry when he shows up – 17:28-29 *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.”<sup>29</sup> And David said, “What have I done now? Was it not but a word?”*
- King Saul gives godless advice – 17:32-33 *And David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”<sup>33</sup> 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.”*
- David credits God with past victories – 17:36-37 *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.”<sup>37</sup> And David said, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you!”*
- King Saul tries to micromanage the situation – 17:38-39 *Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail,<sup>39</sup> and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” So David put them off.*

- David and Goliath exchange words – 17:43-47 *And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.” <sup>45</sup> 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. <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give you into our hand.”*
- David rocks Goliath and wins the battle – 17:48-49 *When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.*

### Leadership insights

- Healthy leaders are **humble** leaders.
- Healthy leaders recognize they set the **tone**.
- Healthy leaders care about winning the battle rather than **looking** important.
- Healthy leaders wear their own armor.
- Healthy leaders give away rather than seek **praise**.
- Healthy leaders are forward thinkers.
- Healthy leaders have a God-centered **motivation** for leading.

Leadership roles or titles do not exist to fulfill our unmet emotional needs. Rather, they are for the purpose of helping the team fulfill the mission.

Isaiah 50:7

*But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.*

Luke 9:51

*he [Jesus] set his face to go to Jerusalem.*