

Overcoming the Odds

2021 Olympic Character, part 4

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Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! 1
Samuel 17:4 (NLT)

How to overcome the odds

1. Defy fear

When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.
1 *Samuel 17:11 (NLT)*

For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army. 1 *Samuel 17:16 (NLT)*

As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright.
1 *Samuel 17:24 (NLT)*

'Don't worry about this Philistine,' David told Saul. 'I'll go fight him!'
1 *Samuel 17:32 (NLT)*

2. Embrace challenge

The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man's entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!
1 *Samuel 17:25 (NLT)*

Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?
1 *Samuel 17:26 (NLT)*

So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.
1 *Samuel 17:50 (NLT)*

3. Trust preparation

The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!
1 *Samuel 17:37 (NLT)*

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

1 *Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)*