



Choosing the Just Path

King David was the youngest of all his brothers. When the people of Israel asked for a king, no one thought of David. Most of his life before being called to serve as king he spent as a shepherd. David was an unlikely figure even when meeting Goliath, during the war with the philistines. He was merely bringing food for his soldier brothers.

Think about an adolescent boy, ginger, that has spent most of his days with sheep, standing next to the terrible military threat that is Goliath.

This is exactly where we find the story of David versus Goliath. The small versus the big, weak versus the strong:

And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him... So, David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him;

Samuel I 17:40-50

Goliath disdained David. The powerful figure cursed, belittled and trampled everything that was dear to David – his identity, his God and his chance of victory.

But David's faith in his path doesn't shake. He knows why he is there, his resources. The knowledge that his path is right encourages him and leads him to victory.

What about yourself? Who is the Goliath in your life? What is the giant in your life that seems scary and intimidating?

What were David's resources? What motivated him into action? What motivates you when you meet obstacles?

What did David do when facing a challenge? How can you apply this attitude in your life?
