

Biggest Bully Ever!

I Samuel 17

Bullying

“The use of threats of coercion to intimidate others; repeated aggressive behavior intended to hurt or control another person, either physically or emotionally.”

Characteristics of a Bully

- Lacks compassion and mercy
- Control freak
- Angers easily and often
- Remind others of weaknesses
- Picks on those who don't comply w/ expectations
- Makes others feel afraid through threats
- Uses physical aggression to intimidate and control

Bully Described v.1-24

- Philistine – very powerful, warlike
- BIG! - 9 feet 9 inches tall
- Loud, intimidating, defiant, persistent, & out for blood!

What “bullies” are you facing right now?

Bully Defined v.25-30

- Opponent v.25
Romans 8:28-30
- Obstacle v.26
- Opportunity v.25-30

3 Rewards

- God receives glory.
- You may influence/encourage someone.
- You will grow as a Christian.

Bully Defeated v.31-54

- By Courage v.31-37a

Hebrews 13:5, Isaiah 43:2, 54:7,
Philippians 4:13, Romans 8:37,
II Timothy 1:7

- By Conviction v.37b-40

Ephesians 3:20

- By Confidence v.41-54

So how can I handle my situation?

- Pray about it
- Handle it appropriately
- Attack head on
- Always respond in love
- Trust God for the victory