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WHAT DID DAVID AND GOLIATH HAVE IN COMMON?

1. They both had been successful in the past.
2. They were both confident.
3. They both “called” on the name of their god.

LOOKING AT GOLIATH WE FIND THAT...

1. He was certainly bold. (vs. 10, 16)
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“Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me.” – 1 Samuel 17:8
3. He trusted in himself. (Pride was his #1 problem)
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In four sentences David refers to his God seven times and four of those times he gives God glory for what is about to happen.

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he asks them why they're happy.

They tell him, "Well, we're so sick of
the cold where we're from and this