

Title: Give Me a Man – Part 1
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The midnight game

Whom can I depend on?
Who can depend on me?
Who am I when no one is watching?
How do other men see me?
Why do I feel so lonely (I don't really know anyone)?
Why do I feel so disconnected (no one really knows me)?

The score keepers

A real man is a hunter and provider: **he performs when needed**
A real man is a hunk: **women can't resist him**
A real man is a fighter: **he knows how to deal with enemies and competitors**

The demons

A real man is a hunter and provider: **he fears failure**
A real man is a hunk: **he fears rejection**
A real man is a fighter: **he fears powerlessness**

Image vs. substance

1 Samuel 17:8-11

⁸Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us. ¹⁰And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. ¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid

1 Samuel 17:24-25

²⁴And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid. ²⁵So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel.

Fueled by more than ego

1 Samuel 17:36-37

³⁶"Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

Voice of intimidation

1 Samuel 17:42-44

⁴²And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. ⁴³So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!

1 Samuel 17:28-29

²⁸Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." ²⁹And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?"

1 Kings 19:1-3

¹And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." ³And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

The defining factor

1 Samuel 17:45-48

⁴⁵Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, 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. ⁴⁶"This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷"Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands." ⁴⁸So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hastened and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

A two-edged sword

Psalms 78:70-72

⁷⁰He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds; ⁷¹From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance. ⁷²So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.