

Goliath must Fall

David asked the men standing near him, 'What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?' They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, 'This is what will be done for the man who kills him.' When Eliab, David's eldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, 'Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle. 'Now what have I done?' said David. 'Can't I even speak?' He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before. What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him. **1 Samuel 17:26-31 NIV**

Anger can be dangerous:

1. Anger has the potential to hurt others

Eliab *burns* with anger - **1 Samuel 17:28**

He questions his motives, belittles him & questions his character.

2. Anger has the potential to hurt us:

"Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly." **Proverbs 14:29**

The goodness in Anger:

"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath"
Ephesians 4:26

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."

James 1:19-20

How to deal with anger:

Take it to the cross:

We are not perfect: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"
Romans 3:23

God is our avenger: "Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord."
Romans 12:19

We should forgive as Christ forgave us: "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."
Matthew 6:14-15