

Defeating the Giant

Introduction: The giants in our lives can be defeated. We do not have to walk in fear; God is bigger than the giants we face.

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Romans 8:37 NKJV ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us

King David is a great example of defeating a giant. When he was a young boy his faith in God was stronger than the Israelites fear of the giant. We will read about David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17

1 Samuel 17:3-4 NLT ³ So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them. ⁴ Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall!

Lets look at David's attitude in defeating the giant 1 Samuel: 17:45-49

1. David Trusted in the Lord!

⁴⁵ David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!

Proverbs 3:5 New Living Translation

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

2. David was confident that the battle was the Lords

⁴⁷ And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!"

Ephesians 6:10 [New King James Version](#)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

3. David did not run away. He faced the giant.

⁴⁸ As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him.

Psalms 37:23 NKJV The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

If we run away the giant is still there eventually you will have to face it.

4. David was confident in what he had.

⁴⁹ Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground.

We must use what we have, the word of God! It is up to us to take the word and use it against the enemy. Jesus was tempted by the devil but he was victorious because he said it is written.

Hebrews 4:12 NLT ¹² For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Power Point: We must be like Jesus.

We can say "it is written", the word is sharper than a two-edged sword.

The end result: David was victorious 1 Samuel 17: 50 So David conquered the Philistine giant with a sling and a stone.

1 Corinthians 15:57 NKJV But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We must remind ourselves that we have the victory. We can defeat giants in our lives.

God gave David the strategy to win his battle AND DEFEAT THE GIANT and he will do the same for us. He will lead us, if we let him. Get God involved. Go to him in prayer. Remember the prayer closet, your secret place? It is available to us. We must do our part and listen. To defeat the giant David could not use king Saul's armor or weapons, he had to use what God gave him.

Giant are defeated by giant slayers. Giant Slayers stand their ground; they stand and see the salvation of the Lord! They stand and see the Power of God at work in their lives. As Giant Slayers we must stand!

Ephesians 6:13 NIV Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Some Characteristics of a giant slayer:

To defeat the giants **We Must STAND!**

Submitted to God – James 4:7 submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee (be yielded)

Trust God – believe in the word of God (it is a choice we make)

PROVERBS 3:5-6 NIV 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. 6 In all your ways submit to him and he will make your path straight

We must remember there is more with us than with them. Elisha prayed oh Lord open his eyes and let him see and the servant saw the hillside filled with horses and chariots of fire.

A winners Attitude– refuse to loose Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Not moved - by what we see, feel or others - Focused on God and not the Problem. Psalms 16:8 I shall not be moved. This is when we magnify God and see Him bigger than the challenge.

Determined – Heb. 10:35 do not throw away your confidence. Do Not Quit!

David was the youngest, the smallest, a shepherd boy, the errand boy sent to bring food to his brothers; some would say the least in the house of Jesse. Even his father counted him out. Samuel went to anoint the next king and even David's father didn't think enough of him to invite him to the meeting. But God, He looks at the heart of man and not the outward appearance.

1 Samuel 16:11 NIV So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

We know the end of the story when David comes in the Lord tells Samuel rise and anoint him; he is the one.

It doesn't matter what anyone says about you. You are not a "just a" he is just a Shepard boy tending to the sheep No! He was the next King of Israel. He is just an errand boy bringing food to his brothers on the battlefield, No! He was a giant slayer.

How do you see yourself? Do you know that you are God's masterpiece, the apple of His eye, wonderfully and beautifully made? Do you know that you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation? Do you know that you are a friend of God? Most importantly, if you are born again, do you know that you are a child of the Most High God, joint heir with Jesus Christ? We are seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. Do you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and you are more than a conqueror? Do you know that you are triumphant in Christ Jesus?

You are all of this and more.

2 Corinthians 2:14 AMP ¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us spreads *and* makes evident everywhere the sweet fragrance of the knowledge of Him.

Our God looked at his creation and said in Genesis 1 it is very good. That is you he is talking about.

How do you see yourself?

Do you see yourself as giant slayer or as a grasshopper? I'm like Joshua and Caleb. We can certainly conquer it.

These are old Covenant believers, if they were able to DEFEAT the giants they faced, we are in a far better covenant, we can DEFEAT the giants we face. Remember in Mark 5 Jesus freed the man who could not be subdued by anyone. They could not keep him in chains he was too strong. But Jesus set him free, He defeated the enemy who was keeping him bound. Jesus tells us if we believe on Him, we will do greater works.

The giants in our lives must fall. We can defeat them.

We do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities powers, and rulers of the dark. We do not have to fight this battle alone.

The first step in defeating the giants in our lives is being a child of God.

It is up to us to receive the gift of God, salvation.

Ephesians 2:8 NKJV For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God