

GIANT KILLER

INTRO:

You do not have to raise your hand or stand, but I'd like for everyone to think about the first time you faced a giant. Maybe you didn't even realize that you were in a fight until the giant was upon you. Well today I want to tell you how to kill it....

At the moment of a decision too often we are quickly grasped in the grips of Fear. The obstacle or problem that we face seems to gain all the attention, versus the one who can remove the obstacle while even solving the problem. At times we place the confidence that we will have victory on the shoulders of our own reputation; rather than trusting in the reputation of our creator.

Our reputation may look like: The fights we've lost, or the almost wins we've experienced.

A many times in scripture we have been reminded of God's reputation

Romans 8:37

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

1 Corinthians 15:55 (NLT)

55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV)

57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I'd like for you to think about the Giant in your life and listen to this!

2 Chronicles 20:17 New International Version (NIV)

17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you."

I am going to utilize the story of David as a contrast to assist the points:

If you are going to be a "Giant Killer", you must first

POINT #1: TAKE UP YOUR POSITION

(Reference 1 Samuel 16:1-13)

I want you to notice in the story of David in the beginning he was always (summoned) sent for. Samuel had invited Jesse and his sons to a service. When they came, he looked at the sons of Jesse seeking for the one the Lord would have him anoint. Looking at the young men before him Samuel said "None of these is the man whom God has chosen. Are these all your children?" **"There is one more," said Jesse. "The youngest of all. He is a boy, in the field caring for the sheep."** (1 Samuel 16:10). -

Samuel Anoints David as King

In the story it states no sooner than David walks in, the Lord said, "This is the one; anoint him."

(Reference 1 Samuel 16:13) - So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took a flask of olive oil and anointed David. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on. In this moment God began to show signs of coming greatness for David and the will for his life.

As the story goes on and as David is being summoned by God into position; the current King (Saul) was in a situation where the spirit of the Lord had left him.

(Reference 1 Samuel 16:14-19) David Serves in Saul's Court - NLT

14 Now the Spirit of the Lord had left Saul, and the Lord sent a tormenting spirit that filled him with depression and fear.

15 Some of Saul's servants said to him, "A tormenting spirit from God is troubling you.

16 Let us find a good musician to play the harp whenever the tormenting spirit troubles you. He will play soothing music, and you will soon be well again."

17 "All right," Saul said. "Find me someone who plays well, and bring him here."

18 One of the servants said to Saul, "One of Jesse's sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment, and the Lord is with him."

19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse to say, "Send me your son David, the shepherd."

David grew up strong and brave, not afraid of the wild beasts which prowled around and tried to carry away his sheep. More than once he fought with lions, and bears, and killed them, as they seized his flock. Interestingly so David, alone all day, practiced throwing stones in a sling. He would practice until he could strike exactly the place for which he aimed. When he swung his sling, after a while he had gained total confidence that the stone would go to the very spot at which he was throwing it. David spent time thinking of God in his youth (BEFORE THE GIANT), he talked with God (BEFORE HE HEARD OF A GOLIATH). And because of this God was able to show David His will. It

was in the quiet times he was being positioned while taking up his position and he sang his shepherd song:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies (BEFORE HE WAS CHASED BY SAULS ARMY); Thou anointest my head with oil (THAT WAS THE BEGINNING WHEN HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT HIS KINGSHIP); my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

For some reason in David's youth an alert aboard his spiritual ship, summoned him to man all weapons and all stations. Notice alone all day, David practiced throwing stones in a sling, until he could strike exactly the place for which he aimed. Again David spent time thinking of God in his youth (BEFORE THE GIANT), he talked with God (BEFORE HE HEARD OF A GOLIATH). He wasn't sitting around nurturing giants in his life, but he was actually getting in position for the kill.

Do not wait until the giant is upon you. Take up your position now and watch God. So I speak to every soldier and Giant Killer in this room. **TAKE UP YOUR POSITIONS.**

POINT #1: TAKE UP YOUR POSITION

After taking up your position, then you must:

POINT #2: STAND FIRM & SEETHE DELIVERANCE

Faith & Fear cannot coexist!

(2 Corinthians 1:20-22 NIV)

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, **(If you understand anything about a deposit, you will know that it is a sum of money placed or kept in a bank account, usually to gain interest)** guaranteeing what is to come.

Jesse Sends David to Saul's Camp

(Reference 1 Samuel 17:14-47)

Referring back to the story of David, he was the youngest son. So while his three oldest brothers went with Saul's army, David went back and forth so he could help his father with the sheep in Bethlehem.

Scripture States:

16 For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army. 17 One day Jesse said to David, "Take this basket of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to your brothers.

20 So David left the sheep with another shepherd and set out early the next morning with the gifts, as Jesse had directed him. He arrived at the camp just as the Israelite army was leaving for the battlefield with shouts and battle cries. 21 Soon the Israelite and Philistine forces stood facing each other, army against army. 22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies and hurried out to the ranks to greet his brothers. 23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel.

Reminds me sort of how the enemy through the giants in our lives taunts us. Whispering things like: You've already failed at that, you will not win, your kids don't even like you, blame it on the alcohol, you will always be an addict, you're not good enough, God has let you down.....

24 As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. 25 "Have you seen the giant?" the men asked. "He comes out each day to defy Israel.

In this moment the Israelite army is placing all the attention on the giant versus the one who can bring them victory. As of a matter of fact unintentionally they are nurturing the strength of the giant. **Remember the scripture:**

2 Chronicles 20:17 (NIV)

17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you.

It doesn't say the deliverance you will earn, or the deliverance you will take. It states stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you.

POINT #2: STAND FIRM & SEETHE DELIVERANCE

Listen to David's statement after hearing the giant taunting:

1 Samuel 17:26 New Living Translation (NLT)

26 David asked the soldiers standing nearby “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel?”

(You must notice that in this, David was in a place that he seethe for deliverance. Meaning he was in a place where he was filled with intense but unexpressed anger.)

Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?”

This story gives me great confidence and a tactical mindset of taking on any giant that arise in my on life. David didn't even take time to gossip about how big the giant was, or consider the fear of those around him.

David goes to Saul:

32 “Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!”

33 “Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.”

Remember Faith & Fear cannot coexist.**1 Samuel 17:34-37 New Living Translation (NLT)**

34 But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, **35** I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. **36 I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God!** **37** The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

Saul finally consented. “All right, go ahead,” he said. “And may the Lord be with you!”
To me it is almost like Saul is being sarcastic is saying “Go ahead..... and may the Lord be with you...

38 Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. **39** David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before.

“I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So David took them off again. **40** He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd’s bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd’s staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

Sometimes when we are under attack by the enemy we begin to think new tactics are in order. But I believe scripture says that He is the same God, yesterday and forever more. So if you find yourself in a battle; don't put on any one else armor, but stand firm in your faith and see the deliverance the Lord will give you. This is exactly what David was doing. David reverted back to being with sheep in the field alone all day, practicing throwing stones in a sling, until he could strike exactly the place for which he aimed. David went back to when he spent time thinking of God in his youth (BEFORE THE GIANT), those times when he talked with God (BEFORE HE HEARD OF A GOLIATH). **I just believe he truly had** 1 Samuel 17:36 in his spirit.

1 Samuel 17:36 (NLT)

I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God!

POINT #2: STAND FIRM & SEETHE DELIVERANCE

Next the scripture stated in **2 Chronicles 20:17** "Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you."

POINT #3: GO OUT AND FACE THE GIANT

In-other-words, run towards the giant! **It is very important to understand giants in our life are not born giants.** They begin like us in an infant stage and grow to become out of control adults. Go out and face them with the intent to kill them.

Don't tuck your tail and run from the giant, don't sit around and nurture it into good health dialoguing with it as if it's your companion, do not negotiate as if your on let's make a deal. Stand up and get to the river. I do understand David went to a stream, but I need you to go to a river of worship so you may gather your smooth stones, place them in your shepherds pouch, and go out and face the giant.

THE STORY CONTINUES...

41 Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, **42** sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. **43** "Am I a dog," he roared at David, "that you come at me with a stick?" And he cursed David by the names of his gods. **44** "Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!" Goliath yelled.

1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NLT)

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! **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!”

Note: Deliverance is achieved by driving out evil spirits using the authority of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.