

Giants of the Faith

Faith - Giant Killing Faith: Part 4

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SERMON DESCRIPTION

In a world that is filled with doubt and unbelief, “giant killing” faith still works. David’s victory over Goliath was expressed in three ways: he fought like a shepherd, he spoke like a prophet, he behaved like a king.

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. What do they need to know?
 - Giant killing Faith is still available today and believers in Christ can access it.
2. Why do they need to know it?
 - As Christ followers, we have an advantage over David because the Holy Spirit resides within us, therefore the anointing is within us.
3. How should we apply it?
 - Christ followers are a royal priesthood that minister to the Lord and obtain grace and faith from Him when we trust Him with all our heart.

OPENING LINE

Faith is a process of growth and development in believing God, over time.

INTRODUCTION

- David demonstrates giant killing faith without ever saying the word itself.
- I recognize that we are battle worn.

CENTRAL TRUTH

What is required to operate in giant killing faith?

READING – MAIN PASSAGE

1Samuel 17:40-54

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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."⁴⁸ So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung *it* and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone and struck the Philistine and killed him. But *there was* no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. ⁵² Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of ^[b]the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron. ⁵³ Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents. ⁵⁴ And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

MAIN PASSAGE WITH NOTES

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- **David had already determined the outcome and his plan of action**
- **David put God's reputation on the line in the battle**

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- **In full faith David ran towards his Goliath and not away from him**

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- **David displays incredible skill in his ability to utilize his sling while he is in for flight. This indicates that he must have practiced this time and time again.**
- **David fought out of his instincts.**

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MAIN POINTS

Questions:

- What is required to operate in giant killing faith?
- Who killed Goliath David or God?

Note: Goliath is a giant.

Giants represent insurmountable obstacles and adversity that can only be removed by faith. They are loud, obnoxious, intimidating, and they are released to destroy you. They are spiritual battles that need to be won in the Spirit.

1. Principles of Giant Killing Faith

- I understand that my Victory and God's glory are connected.
 - I understand the private victories have corporate impact.
 - I understand that it is a spiritual battle.
 - Paul told the church of Ephesus that we do not wrestle flesh and blood but rather spiritual powers
 - I understand that faith allows courage to be demonstrated
 - I understand that when I use what God has placed in my hand, the hand of God moves - God causes giants to fall
 - I understand that what I see through the eyes of faith, will eventually come to pass
 - I understand when I operate in "faith forward", momentum is released in my life
- David's Resume: **1 Samuel 16:18**

¹⁸ Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *who is* skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord *is* with him."

2. David fights like a shepherd

1Samuel 17:34-35

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, ³⁵ I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed

a. Shepherds fight in unconventional ways

- David as a shepherd displayed his courage in fighting off lions and bears for a mere lamb. David's mind fighting Goliath was no different than what he had done in the desert in protecting his flock. Shepherds:
 - They utilize what is in their hands
 - They have mastered their weapons – (spiritual and natural)
 - They are skilled at defending the sheep
 - Shepherds recognize that they are not only fighting for God but they're also fighting for others
 - Shepherds understand that the lives of others are at stake
 - Jesus said of himself – "I am the good Shepherd, and my sheep hear my voice"

b. Life lesson – your greatest confidence and trust will come from the things that you have mastered over time, usually these things are developed in the secret place

3. David's speaks like a prophet

1Samuel 17:37

³⁷ Moreover 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!"

- a. The New Testament calls David a prophet.
- b. Prophets declare the word, will and desire of God.
- c. David foretold Goliath's future before it happened.
- d. Victory and the outcome has already been played out in David's mind, he has seen it in the Spirit.
 - David declares what he has seen for all to hear
 - David prophesies to Goliath's end
- e. Prophets declare:
 - The victory of the Lord before it has taken place
 - God's power and ability
 - God's presence in the nation
 - God's willingness in the midst of His people
- f. Romans 4:17 '...calls those things which do not exist as though they did;'
- g. Life lesson: learn to prophesy the word of the Lord over yourself, circumstances and your giants

4. David acts like a king

1Samuel 17:32

³⁷ Then David said to Saul. "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine"

- a. **Personal Accomplishments = Corporate impact**
 - **Contagious faith**

- b. David stepped up and did what Saul should have done
- c. Whether David set out to liberate a nation, honour God or operate in his anointing is unknown, but clearly he accomplished all these things
- d. Kings motivate and inspire others, the entire army was impacted by his victory
- e. Peter – but you are a royal priesthood
- f. Life Lesson: Behave like a king and not a pauper. Consider that you are a royal priesthood.

QUOTES & STICKY STATEMENTS

“Giants aren’t dead until you chop their head off.”

“Faith creates forward momentum.”

“Practice like you perform.”

“When you are disobedient to God, you will lack confidence in front of Goliath.”

“God has a solution to every problem the enemy creates.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. “If God is for me who can be against me.” Look up this scripture. What does it mean in real life?
2. Why is David called a prophet in the New Testament? Consider how he spoke like a prophet and how he acted like a prophet. Name five things that he said prophetically.
3. Why was it so important that David cut off Goliath’s head? What is the spiritual significance of this and how can we apply it to our battles?
4. Name seven ways in which king David is a type of Christ.
5. Acts 13:22 declares that ‘David was a man after God’s own heart’. What does this mean and how did David display this in his life. Provide at least three examples.
6. Who killed Goliath? Was it God, was a David or was it both. Explain your answer.
7. Explain how faith and courage work simultaneously in the believer.