

LET JESUS CONQUER YOUR GIANTS

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

1 Samuel 17:44-50 (read the entire chapter)

Many of us today are facing “giants” in our lives: discouragement, financial needs, fears, failures, pride, sickness, addictions, etc. What principles can we learn and apply from the life of David, a young shepherd and future king of Israel, as he faced his giant enemy Goliath?

CONSECRATION

Consecration means being in a fully committed relationship with Jesus Christ, which is something we need to have to “see the giants fall” in our lives. In 1 Samuel 16, the Lord commanded Samuel to anoint the future king of Israel. Before doing so, he consecrated Jesse and his sons, then anointed David to be the chosen king according to God’s criteria (vv.4-7). The Spirit of the Lord then came mightily upon David (vv.12-13). David was not the most obvious choice — even his family did not consider him to be worthy. But his ceremonial anointing was a public confirmation of his personal and intimate relationship with God.

Today, water baptism is also a confirmation of a person’s relationship with God. Baptism does not save us, but it is a public declaration that we are in a committed personal relationship with God and that we will follow Jesus for the rest of our lives.

David’s life is a foreshadowing of Jesus:

DAVID	JESUS
Anointed with oil by Samuel	Baptized in water by John
The Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David	The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove
David faced Goliath	Jesus was tempted in the wilderness

TRENDS SAY: I am the captain of my ship, the master of my destiny. I will live my life my way.

TRUTH SAYS: Galatians 2:20 - No longer I, but Christ!

COURAGE (1 Samuel 17:1-32)

Courage means we trust and obey Jesus in all circumstances. If we trust Him, we will obey Him. As Charles Spurgeon said, “He who fears God has nothing else to fear.”

Years after David’s anointing, the Philistines gathered their armies for battle against the Israelites. Both camps stood on two mountains opposite each other

(1 Samuel 17:1,3), and the Israelites just stood there while Goliath, the Philistine champion, challenged them day and night. This dismayed (shattered) King Saul and all of Israel (vv.10-11,16).

The Hebrew word for “champion” means “someone who stands in the gap”. Israel’s army ran away from Goliath, even when incentives were offered to anyone who would fight him (vv. 24-25). They were terrified by how gigantic the enemy was — but David focused on the reputation of God, and this 16-year-old shepherd boy volunteered to fight for His name’s sake (vv.26, 31-32).

TRENDS SAY: If it gets too difficult, just bail out.

TRUTH SAYS: 2 Timothy 1:7: Jesus is our giant-slayer!

COMMEMORATION (1 Samuel 17:33-37)

Commemoration means we recount the faithfulness of Jesus in our lives. The basis of David’s courage was God’s faithfulness in his life (vv.33-34, 37). Both David and Samson had the power to slay the lions that threatened them — not by brute strength but by the Spirit of the Lord. Where have you seen the reality that Jesus is the giant-slayer in your life?

TRENDS SAY: Is there still hope for me? I have failed (or people have failed me) too many times.

TRUTH SAYS: Lamentations 3:21-23: God’s faithfulness is fresh every morning!

CONQUEST (1 Samuel 17:38-50)

Sometimes we refuse to act upon things and choose to simply wait for a solution to come. Conquest means we take action and give glory to Jesus.

David approached Goliath with amazing God-confidence (v.40) and stood firm because he knew God (Daniel 11:32), making sure to glorify Him. When David killed Goliath, he didn’t even have a sword in his hand (vv.48-50)! Today, what we have is the sword of the Spirit, the word of God. The greatest triumph over the trends of today is the Truth — Jesus Christ Himself!

TRENDS SAY: I can do this on my own! / I can’t do this anymore!

TRUTH SAYS: Romans 8:37: Conquest is through Jesus who loves us; our Champion who bridged the gap between God and sinners.

last week's memory verse

... and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands.

1 SAMUEL 17:47

discuss this message

Have you consecrated (surrendered, devoted) your life to Jesus? If yes, what has He changed in you? If no, why haven't you done so?

Name one giant you are facing in your life today. How is it affecting you?

How has God been faithful to you? How does recalling that help your situation today?

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God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13

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