

Giant Slayers

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THE GIANT

1 SAMUEL 17:4-7

A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

Goliath wanted one man from the whole army to come and fight him.

The Israelite army could have defied the Philistines they had God on their side but they seem to have forgotten this in their terror.

They were listening to the deal that the enemy was setting them.

Giants are always BIG!

They always talk loud and with impressive words too!

They know which buttons to press to evoke fear and they do not do it just once but over and over again!

In fact Goliath did this for 40 days!

THE ARMY

Everyday the armies both took their positions and they did the same thing on the day David was taking food to his brothers.

The army was taking its position as he arrived and in fact they were letting out a war cry!

To David's eyes they were about to go into battle he even went to the battle line to greet his brothers.

David was speaking to them when Goliath repeated yet again what he had said for the past 40 days.

Then they all did what any great army does RAN! In fear they legged it!

SAUL

Saul had already offered his troops and incentive to fight Goliath. In fact that's what they were all talking about when David arrived.

Great wealth, his daughters hand in marriage and he will exempt his father from taxes in Israel!

WOW!

I am afraid that their fear by now was so deep set that no incentive would have moved any of them to that fight.

David wants to know the reward, and he has already decided who and what Goliath is.

An uncircumcised Philistine who is defying the army of God himself! How dare he?

ELIAB

David's brother
Eliab, shows him disdain, "you small time shepherd, what are you doing here
in a real man's world? You are a wicked and bigheaded to boot! Who do you
think you are? You only came to watch you take part? AHHHH!"

The battles in our own
lives can be made worse by those we more often than not think are for us.

DAVID THE GIANTSLAYER

David only gives a quick
brotherly retort then turns away.

When there was no sense to be had from that source he
speaks to someone else!

V32"Let no one lose heart
on account of this Philistine, your servant will go and fight him".

Saul tells David why he cannot do it; this giant is way
to big for you!

States the
obvious, you are a boy, he is a man, (a very big one at that!)

You have never fought; he has been doing it for
a very long time.

David quickly gives Saul his resume, and it very
impressive. He has fought the lion and the bear barehanded WOW!

V36 Your servant has
killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be
like one of them, because he has defiled the armies of the living God".

We have victory in every battle; David learned how to
fight in his place of employment. He new that God was on his side in
everything. This was a battle prepared through his life and it is the same
for every one of us.

THE ARMOUR

Saul wanted to help and so he gave him the armour that he should have worn to defeat the giant Goliath. That was not the right armour for David.

He could not use them because he was not used to them.

We need to see that we have to prepare our own armour in life. We have to be ready. It is in our unpreparedness that the enemy will always attack!

THE WEAPON

David approached Goliath with the weapons that were ready for him to use. He was skilled with the slingshot.

Goliath made his first mistake of many that day. He looked David over and despised him.

The enemy makes that mistake with each of us everyday.

Goliath used big frightening words to scare David off his course.

He also challenged God and used his own gods to curse David.

PROVERBS 26:2 Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow an undeserved curse does not come to rest.

David knew what he was about to do though and the words he used were to exalt his God.

THE NAME OF THE LORD!

1 SAMUEL

17:45-47 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and

spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S.

We have complete victory over all of our enemies

Goliath got nearer
David ran towards him, he was not afraid; he was there to do battle and to finish off Goliath quickly.

The final irony was that
David killed him by chopping off his head with his own sword.

Although
this is a great story I want us to look at what this means to our lives today?

Three keys

1. To be a great giant slayer, we need the Lord in our lives just like David. Samuel anointed David and he was filled with the Spirit from that day. 16v13.

2. We need to be secure and at peace in ourselves so that we can soothe others. (David helped Saul when he was troubled).

3. We need to be obedient to God our Father in the same way that David was obedient to his earthly father and did what he asked him to do.

All good choices come from acts of obedience!

1 SAMUEL 15:22

But Samuel
replied:

"Does the LORD delight in
burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the
LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat
of rams.

David had his giant and he
had a name. It is very unlikely that we will come up against a flesh and
blood Goliath! (Even though it may sometimes feel that way).

The problem for each of us
is that our giants do not often have names. (Although it may be a person).
Being a good Christian we cannot kill that person!

Our battle is in our mind

ROMANS 8 5–8 Those who live according to the
sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those
who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the
Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled
by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does
not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful
nature cannot please God.

Mind Greek -
Phronema And means mental inclination or purpose, either carnally or
spiritually minded.

Joyce Meyer
speaks of this in this way

"I want, I think, I feel".

Our battle is not against flesh and blood!

EPH 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh
and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the
powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the
heavenly realms.

Emotion- any strong feeling as of joy, sorrow or fear. Latin rootword emovere 'to disturb'. Collins dictionary

The devil uses our emotions to disturb us, to keep us unsettled.

"Emotions are our Number 1 enemy!"

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"When emotions come to the fore our minds become deceived, then conscience is denied its normal standard of judgement"

Watchman Nee

We have to ask ourselves "Can we trust our emotions"?

EPH4:25-27 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin" : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

We soon find that the foothold can become a stronghold

Some people are big on following their feelings. They don't feel like going to church! Etc

HEBREWS 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Bible speaks about
three types of man:

Natural- Unsaved,
unregenerate, (do not know God,yet)

Spiritual- born again,
saved and regenerated, peaceful man, does what he needs to do to walk in
peace with all those around. Shows integrity and commitment to those
around, displays the fruit of the Spirit. (David exhibited these
qualities)

Carnal- born again BUT!

We need to declare war on
carnality

Carnal-relating to the appetites and passions of the
body, sensual, fleshly. From the Latin Caro- flesh.

HEBREWS7:23-25 Now there have been
many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in
office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.
Therefore he is able to save
completely those who
come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Complete/uttermost

Panteles- entire, from
root word….

Telos-to set out for a definite point or goal, the
conclusion of an act. Ending finally.

Are there any giant slayers out there ready to do
battle with their feelings and emotions?

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