

How to Deal with a Giant, 1 Samuel 17

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INTRODUCTION: Giants are tough! Have you recently found yourself nose to knee with a giant?

I. TRUST IN GOD'S _____

A. After King Saul disobeyed God, the Lord chose David by His grace, to be the next king of Israel.

1 Samuel 16:7 – "...The Lord does not look at the things man looks at...the Lord looks at the heart."

B. God has chosen us to be His own.

1 Peter 2:9 – "But you are a chosen people..."

II. TRUST IN GOD'S _____

A. We trust God in the face of _____

1 Sam. 17:24 – "When the Israelites saw the man (Goliath), they all ran from him in great fear."

1 Sam. 17:33 – "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

1 Sam 13:37 – "The LORD who delivered me from the...lion and...bear will deliver me from...the Philistine."

Psalms 27:1 – "The Lord is my light and my salvation...the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?"

B. We trust God for _____

1 Sam. 17:45,47 – "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty...for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give all of you into our hands."

1 Sam. 17:48-49 – "...taking out a stone, [David] slung it and struck the Philistine...and he fell...on the ground."

1 Sam 17:50 – "So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand..."

1 Timothy 2:5 – "For there is one God and mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:37 – "We are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

CONCLUSION: "Focus on Giants – you stumble. Trust in God – Giants tumble!"

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1. OPEN

- A. The Israelites faced the huge giant, Goliath. As Christians, what Goliaths are we facing in our society today? What personal giants might you or others be facing?
- B. How do you feel when someone casts doubts (like Saul did concerning David) on your ability to do something?

2. DIG

- A. What does Goliath's armor and weaponry reveal about him? (1 Sam. 17:4-7)
- B. As an Israelite, how would you view the giant's proposal? (1 Sam. 17:8-10)
- C. What motivated David to fight Goliath? (1 Sam. 17:25-27)
- D. How did David seek to persuade Saul to let him fight Goliath? (1 Sam. 17:32-37)
- E. What is the end result of God's victory through David?
 - For the men of Israel? (vs.47,52)
 - For the Philistines? (vs.47,51-55)
 - For David himself? (17:55-18:2)
 - For the whole world? (vs.46)

3. REFLECT

- A. How might giants in your life be taunting you right now? Is your attitude more like David's or Saul's?
- B. Which of God's weapons have you been using to fight the giants of your life?
- The sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17)
 - The strength of Christian friends (Eccl. 4:9-12)
 - God's power and presence (Joshua 1:9)
 - The power of prayer (James 5:16)