

Week 3:

Facing Your Goliath



Questions

1. What illustration, story, or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. What sort of methods have you unsuccessfully used in the past to fight your giants? How might things have been different if your dial had been set to God-ward?
3. Read 1 Samuel 17:28. When have you seen someone defy their responsibility to do something greater than they knew to be right?
4. In 1 Samuel 17:47 we are reminded that some battles belong to the Lord. Why do you think we are so tempted to do battle on our own and ignore God's offer to fight on our behalf?
5. What are you afraid of? When has God led you through your fear? There are big moments of fear in our lives (major illnesses, injuries, financial burdens) but often there are also ongoing, day-to-day fears (How will I pay my mortgage this month? How can I make friends? What do people think of me?). What keeps you going through those fears, and how can you take control over them the way David takes control of the fears of the Israelite people?
6. Read 1 Samuel 17:38-40. Saul wanted David to wear Saul's own armor, but it didn't fit David. What expectations have been placed on you that just didn't fit? What have you been clinging to that you need to let go?
7. David's brothers tell David he is not enough. What negative voices do you hear? How have you dealt with those negative voices? How can you tune the dial to what God thinks of you, and what God has planned for you the way David did?

Scripture References

Read 1 Samuel 17:28, 1 Samuel 17:31-33, 1 Samuel 17:37-47, Isaiah 25:6-9

Takeaways

- Giants fall in the face of God-ward faith.
- People will say you can't.
- Your naysayers would be correct—if God wasn't in the picture.
- God's method for defeating your Goliath may be unexpected and look impossible.
- The real battle is the spiritual battle.
- When God topples your giant, others will experience God because of your bold faith.
- The battle belongs to the Lord.
- Giants fall when God-ward faith collides with God's faithfulness.

Weekly Action Step

Review the above takeaways. Find one that speaks to your specific battle and write it down where you'll see it throughout the next week as a reminder.