

Facing Giants

5-Day Devotional - 2.22.26

Day 1

The Difference Between Problem and Promise

Reading: 1 Samuel 17:32-37

Devotional:

King Saul saw Goliath and concluded he was too big to fight. David saw the same giant and recognized he was too big to miss. The difference wasn't in the size of the problem but in the perspective of faith. Saul evaluated the giant by his physical size; David evaluated him by covenant. When you face overwhelming circumstances today, ask yourself: Am I measuring my giant against my own strength or against God's power? Your past testimonies are ammunition for your present battles. Just as God delivered David from the lion and bear in private, He will deliver you from the giant in public. Faith doesn't measure the size of the problem; it measures the size of our God.

Reflection:

What "giant" feels intimidating in your life right now? Write it down. Then list at least three ways God has been faithful to you in the past. Let those reminders shift your focus from fear to faith. Ask God to help you see your current challenge through the lens of His promises rather than your limitations.

Day 2

Private Victories Prepare for Public Battles

Reading: 1 Samuel 17:34-36; Luke 16:10

Devotional:

Before David faced Goliath before thousands, he faced lions and bears alone in the fields. There was no applause, no audience, no platform—just faithful obedience when no one was watching. Many believers want public victories without private obedience. We desire the platform without the preparation, the testimony without the test. God is developing your character in the hidden places. The battles you fight in secret—resisting temptation, maintaining integrity, spending time in prayer when you'd rather sleep—these are building the faith muscle you'll need for visible challenges. What you do in private determines what God can trust you with in public. Stay faithful in the small things; God is preparing you for greater things.

Reflection:

Where is God calling you to be faithful in private? Consider your prayer life, integrity, thought life, and daily habits. Choose one small act of obedience today that no one else may see. Remember, heaven sees what people don't. Your unseen faithfulness is shaping your future impact.

Day 3

You Cannot Fight in Someone Else's Armor

Reading: 1 Samuel 17:38-40; Galatians 1:10

Devotional:

When Saul tried to dress David in his armor, it didn't fit. David couldn't move freely or fight effectively in someone else's equipment. There's tremendous pressure today to copy someone else's calling, imitate someone else's voice, or use someone else's strategy. But God has uniquely designed you for your specific assignment. David needed to be David—a shepherd with a sling, not a pretend soldier with borrowed armor. Stop trying to be someone else. God has already equipped you with everything you need for the battles He's called you to fight. Your authenticity is your greatest weapon. Use what God has placed in your hand, operate in your lane, and trust that obedience in your unique calling is more powerful than imitation of someone else's.

Reflection:

Are you comparing yourself to someone else or trying to fit into a role God never assigned to you? Identify one strength, gift, or passion God has uniquely placed in you. Thank Him for it. Ask for boldness to use what's already in your hand rather than reaching for what belongs to someone else.

Day 4

In Covenant and Under Covenant

Reading: Psalm 25:12-14; 2 Corinthians 1:20

Devotional:

David recognized something crucial: he was in covenant with God. When he called Goliath an "uncircumcised Philistine," he was declaring covenant identity. Many believers are in covenant with God through salvation but not living under the blessing of that covenant through obedience. It's like carrying an umbrella in the rain but never opening it—you have the protection, but you're not experiencing its benefit. Being under covenant means staying in alignment with God's Word, listening to His voice, and walking in obedience even when it's difficult. When you step out from under the covering through disobedience or unbelief, you're still

saved, but you forfeit the blessing and protection. Today, ask God to show you where you've stepped out from under His covering, repent, and return to alignment.

Reflection:

Is there an area of your life where you've drifted from obedience—perhaps in attitude, relationships, priorities, or trust? Invite the Holy Spirit to gently reveal any misalignment. Repent where necessary, and take one practical step today to walk back under God's covering through obedience.

Day 5

Faith Advances, It Doesn't Retreat

Reading: 1 Samuel 17:48-50; James 2:17

Devotional:

When the moment came, David didn't hesitate, negotiate, or retreat. The Bible says he ran toward Goliath. Faith is not passive; it's aggressive trust in God. Many believers spend years circling the same mountain, negotiating with their giants instead of confronting them. We avoid the hard conversation, delay the counseling appointment, or postpone the step of obedience. David declared, "The battle is the Lord's," and then he ran. He combined confident faith with courageous action. What giant have you been circling? What battle have you been avoiding? Today is your day to run toward it—not in your own strength, but in the name of the Lord Almighty. Make the call. Have the conversation. Take the step. Your giant is not too big for God, and the victory is already secured in Christ.

Reflection:

What is one concrete step of faith you can take today? Don't overthink it—identify one action and commit to it. Pray, then move. Faith becomes powerful when it moves from intention to action.