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Key Scriptures: "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." 1 Sam 17:37

- 1 Samuel 17:45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.
- Romans 13:12-14 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.
- John 8:36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Start Talking:

Pastor Bobby said, "None of us will probably fight a literal 10 foot tall giant", but, have you ever felt like one of your problems or challenges seems even bigger than a 10 foot giant? Share.

Share what "giant" problem or situation you might be facing right now, and ask the group to pray for you and offer you encouraging scriptures.

Sometimes "the world" seems like an undefeatable giant. What practical steps and a Christian take to avoid being overwhelmed?

1 Samuel 17: 10-11 says, "And the Philistine said, 'I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.' When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid." Have you ever been immobilized or paralyzed by fear from a challenge in your life? What led you to victory? Share.

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Start Thinking:

Pastor Bobby Said, "King Saul was very experienced in war, and tells David he cannot win." Have you ever become more discouraged about a problem because of negative words by a friend? Share.

Does the fact that Satan has been at war against God's children for so long, mean that he will necessarily win in his battles against you? What do you have that can defeat this one who is "experienced in warfare"? Share.

Start Sharing:

Pastor Bobby said, "David defeated Goliath because of how he thought, not how he fought." Do you more often think words of confidence in your God, or words of defeat through yourself? Discuss.

Pastor Bobby said, "The Israeli soldiers saw the size of the giant. David saw the size of his God." What is reality to a Christian - physical, mental, and psychological threats from the visible world, or the Spiritual power of our God? Is it just easier to be distracted by the things seen, than to have faith in things unseen? Discuss.

Pastor Bobby said, "Besides war, David was best known for worship. Worship magnifies (increases attention toward...) God." Have you ever considered worshipping as a form of power and confidence? Discuss.

Start Praying: "Lord, let us go boldly into the power that You died for us to have. Give us the faith of David to cut off the heads of our giants."

Start Doing:

Pastor Bobby said, "You can't be a true warrior for God without being a worshipper of God." Is this a new thought for you? Discuss how this truth can change your life.

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Pastor Bobby said, "The Word of God defeats every defiant giant. Get familiar with the sword." How often and how deeply do you meditate on the words in the Bible? Can you ever get too much of it? Why? Discuss.

Pastor Bobby said, "The last thing on defeating a giant is to make sure it's dead." Then he shared, "Thirty years ago, I'd knock my giant down, but it kept getting up." Is there a giant in your life that needs his head cut off? Take action by faith, and finish the job. Use that faith and God's Word to do it. Are you willing to commit to do it today?