

Giants - Part 2

Battlefield 1.0 | Frostbite & Frost Giants

1 Samuel 17:1-3 NIV

Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at **Sokoh** in Judah. They pitched camp at **Ephes Dammim**, between **Sokoh** and **Azekah**

3 The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

Sokah = hedge, fence

Azekah = a hedge around, to fence around

Ephes Dammin = uttermost part, without, extremity (limits of the blood)

BIG IDEA

We fight against giants when we knowingly or unknowingly choose to live as far away from boundaries as we can get. When we move away from God given fences, spiritual frostbite begins damaging our spiritual nerves.

The Anatomy of Spiritual Frostbite

1. Pride

Matthew 26:31-35 (NIV)

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: " `I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter

declared, "**Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.**"
And all the other disciples said the same.

Proverbs 16:18 (MSG)

First pride, then the crash--- the bigger the ego, the harder the fall.

2. Laziness

Matthew 26:36-46 (NIV)

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." [37] He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. [38] Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." [39] ***Going a little farther***, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed

3. Following Jesus a Distance

Matthew 26:57-58 (NIV)

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

4. Warming yourself at the wrong fire with the wrong pocket of people.

Luke 22:54-55 (NIV)

Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.

5. Denial

Matthew 26:69-75 (NIV)

Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. [70] But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. [71] Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." [72] He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" [73] After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away." [74] Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. [75] Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

How Did David Kill the Frost Giant?

1. David did the little things his father asked.

1 Samuel 17:14-15, 20

David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul, but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

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Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed.

2. David's confidence was based on his past success

1 Samuel 17:34-36

“Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

3. David's confidence was based on his current relationship with Jesus

1 Samuel 17:37

The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”