

MORE GIANTS MUST FALL

[2 Samuel 21]

1. A **GIANT** is anything that distracts us **FROM** God, drains our passion **FOR** God, or sabotages our service **TO** God. (Hebrews 12:1-2; Mark 4:19; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 12:2; 1 John 2:15; Colossians 3:1-2; Proverbs 4:25-27)
2. When 'giants' threaten, seek the **FACE** of the **LORD**. (Psalm 9:10, 24:6, 27:7-9, 105:4, 119:10; Matthew 6:33; 1 Chronicles 16:11; Proverbs 8:17; Jeremiah 29:13; John 4:24)
3. A **VOW** is a **VOW**, no matter how much time or how many circumstances have passed. (Joshua 9:19-20; Numbers 30:2; Deuteronomy 23:21-23; Psalm 76:11; Ecclesiastes 5:4-5; Matthew 5:33-37, 12:36; Acts 5:1-11; Proverbs 20:6)
4. When reconciliation is needed, **PURSUE** it (even if you aren't the one who was '**WRONG**'). (Ephesians 4:32; 2 Corinthians 5:18; Matthew 5:9, 23-26, 18:15-17; Hebrews 12:14; Luke 17:3; Colossians 3:13, 4:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 3:7; 1 Peter 4:8; Romans 12:18; Philippians 4:8)
5. The same enemy will repeatedly rear its heads, wielding a sharp, **NEW** 'weapon'. (1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 2:11, 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:10-12; James 4:7; John 10:10, 16:33; Isaiah 54:17)
6. There are times when **SOMEONE ELSE** has to step in - and that is perfectly fine! (Ephesians 4:11-13; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Titus 2:6-8)
7. Those who **TAUNT** the living God and His **CHILDREN** are in for a rude awakening. (Proverbs 24:15-16; Romans 12:17-21; Psalm 73)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Verse 1 tells us that David "sought the face of the Lord". What does this mean? How can we practice this?
3. David was grieved to discover that Saul had violated an oath that God's people had made with the Gibeonites (Joshua 19), and he initiated reconciliation with them. (He took the first step; there might be something to talk about here as well...) What causes people to break vows? Why might some people be able to break promises so easily without any apparent regret? What 'bigger issues' might be at the root of this?
4. Several times we read, "There was war again" (verses 15, 18, 19, 20). What opponents / antagonists / enemies do you find yourself repeatedly having to fight? How is Satan 'sharpening the spear' and coming at you in new / challenging ways? How has Jesus been your deliverer / rock / shield (Psalm 18:2)?
5. We have discussed before how we should not sit around and wait for 'someone else' to do something, but roll up our sleeves and get involved/engaged! But there are times (such as in today's verses where David is growing weary) where someone else has to step in - in fact, should step in (verse 17). What makes it difficult for us to allow others to take our place? Why is it important that we raise someone up to take our place before they are actually needed?