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bigIdea



When *does* a boy become a man? Does it ‘just happen’ when a boy reaches puberty or when he leaves home? Does he achieve it when he bags his first buck or drinks his first beer? Does it come with a driver’s license or with a diploma at graduation?

BIG IDEA: Running away never fixes a giant problem—Face it head on!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you feel playing football, alone, against the Tennessee Titans? Which direction would you run?
2. Read Numbers 13:1-2, 18-20. What did God promise to the Israelites? What was the assignment given to the 12 spies?
3. Numbers 13:27-28, 30-33. What did the spies say about the land itself? Did all the spies agree with Caleb & Joshua? How did the people of Israel describe themselves next to the giants? What was wrong with the spies’ perspective? *They had a grasshopper thinking.* How does your view of God affect your view of yourself?

When men are passive, giant problems become larger and more fortified.

4. Fast-forward 400 years from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age. Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11. What has changed? What has stayed the same? Have things gotten better or worse for God’s people?
5. What does Goliath’s armor and weaponry reveal about him? (17:4-7)
6. Why were the Israelites helpless against Goliath? Read 1 Samuel 9:2. Who should have been fighting Goliath? Why was the King of Israel qualified? What weaknesses in Saul did Goliath reveal?
7. What motivated David to fight Goliath? (17:25-27) What’s at stake for the victor? For Israel?
8. Read 1 Samuel 17: 5-7 & 34-37. In your opinion, what was Goliath’s confidence based on? What was David’s confidence based on?
9. What are some giants that you’re facing right now? How have you dealt with your giant problems in the past?
 - a. Ignored them like the Israelites 400 years earlier?
 - b. Ran from them like the Israelite Army?
 - c. Get someone else to fight them like Saul?
 - d. Face them in faith like David?
10. How do you need to deal with your giant problems presently?

THINK ABOUT IT

Memorize the definition of manhood that Chris gave: *Real men reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously, and stand together.*

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What battles and giants do you need to fight with, and what’s your strategy? Write down what a win would look like (*To be a better father, husband, employee; to get control of our finances.*). Then write down a battle plan with action steps and dates on which you will accomplish those steps. Don’t be passive any longer when it comes to your giants!

CHANGING YOUR MIND

David answered, “You are coming against me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the Israelite armies, which you have defied. This very day the LORD will put you in my power; I will defeat you and cut off your head. And I will give the bodies of the Philistine soldiers to the birds and animals to eat. 1 Samuel 17:45-46a (NLT)