

**Weekly Study of Sunday's Message.**  
**Sunday September 30, 2018. David and Goliath.**

**A. Intro.**

Welcome to the weekly devotional that gives you some specific things to work thru from the message this past Sunday. Whether you were able to attend the worship service or not, this devotional is free-standing and you can still use it to help you dig deeper in your own spiritual walk. Take as long as you need to dive into this material and feel free to share it.

**B. Sunday's Message.**

Pastor Lamar did a deep dive Sunday as he looked into the very familiar story of David and Goliath, and peeled back the cover we try to hide our generational giants behind. No hiding Sunday. These 'sins of our society' were drug out into the open, and called out for the harm they do to people. These 'giants' are the stigma of struggles, the silence towards racism, and shame. We'll go ahead and read the primary passage first, answer some of the reflection questions, and then we'll look at the three giants Lamar addressed Sunday.

**C. Scripture.**

Read the story of David and Goliath found in **1 Samuel 17:20-58.**

**What jumped out to you about this story?**

**What things can you see in this story that resemble the giants we face today?**

**What do you see about the different people in the story, and how they act, that speak about how we deal with giants today?**

**D. Specific Giants.**

Lamar talked about three different giants we face in our society today.

**1. Stigma of struggles-** or the battles each of us are facing. This primarily with mental illness and being sensitive enough in situations to be the 'right person' in a struggling person's life.

**2. Silence towards racism-** or our culture's tendency to 'sort' people and assign worth. Lamar addressed how our society is slanted towards 'sorting' people into different groups.

**3. Shame-** or that imposed feeling of not enough, not good enough, that comes from those around you. Shame often forms around other people saying we are the wrong person and recognizing that everyone is fighting a big battle, and most likely dealing with issues from their past. And so we fight against the giant of shaming.

**Why are each of these such harmful giants in our society today?**

There were many other scripture used Sunday. I encourage you to listen to the message to get context, and to find the other passages Lamar used.

However, he gave some specific examples and issues related to each one that we'll go into a little more detail, and briefly unpack each of these 'giants'.

Battling these 'giants' centers around being the right person, the solution, and relying on the; strong back, soft front, wild heart, thick skin, and beautiful eyes Lamar talked about last week in describing David, to defeat these three giants that threaten our current culture.

So...using the story of David and Goliath, and the three giants mentioned above, let's look at how we can be the right solution, work towards the answer, of bringing these scourges of society down.

And this will be a general conversation about issues in our world, but you can apply to each of the above giants.

**What does it take to fight these giants?**

**What is the fear of fighting these giants?**

**What may be at risk in you choose to fight these giants?**

**What happens if we don't fight these giants?**

Pastor Lamar in a very personal and heartfelt way, challenged us to be Davids in our world and step up and "be the solution" in fighting some of these giants that have and will continue to threaten our world. We cannot be passive or ambivalent in calling out the systemic sins of our society. The church has at the least been silent, and in many cases complicit, in addressing these issues. We have to be bold and step out and speak and take action against them.

Why?

These giants not only threaten our society, individuals, but they also just by their existence curse God. The giants of; the stigma of struggles, the silence of racism, and the abuse of shame will continue shout loudly and hold us back, and diminish the work of God unless we stand up to them.

We 'get to' be the one who chooses to show courage, and step out, using the gifts we have to fight these giants.

BE THE ONE!!