



THREE KINGS

CREW LEADER GUIDE: WALKING IN YOUR OWN ASSIGNMENT- THREE KINGS PART 4

Message Summary:

Drawing from the account of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17, this sermon explores how believers are called to face life's giants not through their own strength, but through faith in God. The pastor emphasizes that the story of David and Goliath is not merely a tale of a shepherd boy defeating a warrior, but a deeper narrative about the spirit of faith triumphing over the spirit of fear. Through David's example, the sermon challenges believers to recognize the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within them, to remember God's faithfulness in past trials as preparation for present battles, and to run toward opposition with confidence rooted in God rather than personal ability. The sermon also addresses how God often works through ordinary people doing ordinary things, and how distractions, discouragement from others, and the temptation to rely on borrowed strength can derail God's assignment for our lives.

Key Points:

- The story of David and Goliath is ultimately about a spirit of faith versus a spirit of fear, not merely a physical battle between two individuals
- God anoints people in ordinary seasons and ordinary circumstances before calling them to extraordinary assignments
- The size of a giant changes depending on what you compare it to; comparing trials to God's power rather than personal ability transforms perspective
- Faithfulness in ordinary things aligns a believer for divine appointments
- Secondary conflicts and discouragement from those closest to us can distract from our primary assignment if we allow them to
- God sometimes reduces our resources and support so that He alone receives the glory for the victory, as illustrated by Gideon's army
- David's confidence came from remembering God's past faithfulness, specifically his deliverance from the lion and the bear
- Believers should not imitate or borrow another person's gifts, methods, or armor to fulfill their own God-given assignment
- The battle belongs to the Lord; the believer's role is to move in faith, not to manufacture the victory
- God has not given believers a spirit of timidity or cowardice, but of power, love, and discipline

Key Scripture:

- **1 Samuel 16 and 17** (the anointing of David and the account of David and Goliath)
- **Ephesians 3:20** (God's ability to do far beyond what we ask or imagine according to His power at work within us)
- **Judges 7** (Gideon's army reduced from 32,000 to 300 so that Israel would not boast in their own strength)
- **Ephesians 6** (the believer's struggle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces)
- **2 Timothy 1:7** (God has not given us a spirit of timidity but of power, love, and discipline)



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Discussion and Reflection

1. David was anointed as king while still performing ordinary tasks as a shepherd. What ordinary, faithful responsibilities in your own life might God be using to prepare you for something greater?
2. The sermon describes how the size of a giant changes depending on what you compare it to. Are you currently measuring your obstacles against your own abilities or against the power of God, and how does that comparison shape your response to adversity?
3. David's brother Eliab accused him of having wrong motives and a wicked heart at the very moment David was stepping into his divine assignment. How do you guard against the discouraging voices of those closest to you derailing you from what God has called you to do?
4. Gideon's army was reduced from 32,000 to 300 so that Israel would not boast that their own power saved them. Can you identify moments in your life where God intentionally stripped away your self-sufficiency so that his glory alone would be evident in the outcome?
5. The sermon draws a parallel between the chained elephant that stops fighting because it believes freedom is impossible and believers who are held back by the memory of past limitations. What chains from your past have you stopped fighting against, and how might faith in God's power call you to resist them again?
6. David refused to wear Saul's armor and fought in a way that was authentic to who he was. In what areas of your spiritual life or calling are you tempted to imitate someone else's methods rather than trusting the unique way God has equipped you?
7. David's declaration before the battle was not about personal glory but so that all the earth would know there is a God in Israel. When you face opposition, is your deepest motivation your own vindication or the revelation of God's power and presence to those watching?
8. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6 that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces. How does recognizing the true nature of your battles change the way you respond to conflict, hardship, or opposition in your daily life?

Practical Challenge:

Here are a few ways to help activate key next steps this week:

- **Name Your Giant:** Write down the specific fear, obstacle, or adversary that feels most overwhelming. Spend time in prayer asking God to help you compare your giant to His power rather than to your own.
- **Remember God's Past Faithfulness:** David's confidence came in part from remembering how God had delivered him from the lion and the bear. Create a written list of moments in your life when God brought you through something you did not think you could survive.
- **Examine Your Armor:** Reflect honestly on whether you are trying to fight your battles using someone else's methods, identity, or gifts. Ask God to show you what He has uniquely placed in you and ask Him for the courage to use it.
- **Take One Step of Faith:** The sermon emphasized that faith moves. It does not simply speak. Identify one specific, concrete step of faith you have been hesitant to take and commit to taking it this week. Share it with a trusted member of your group or a friend for accountability.