

When Your Giant Calls

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Big Idea: Opportunity favors the Prepared.

There are Giants in the Land:

1 Samuel 17: 4-11

1. - Put Life in PERSPECTIVE.
2. - Specialize in INTIMIDATION.
3. – Come in All SIZES.

Three Common Giants

— Culture

— Crisis

— Criticism

David's Giant Killing Advice

1 Samuel 17:32-51

1. Opportunity favors the PREPARED.
2. Small things MATTER. *(9 Healthy Habits)*
3. REMEMBER the LORD.
4. Always be AUTHENTIC.
5. Be DECISIVE.
6. FINISH What You Start!

David: When Your Giant Calls

Discuss and Apply

Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate meaningful conversations. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at connect@manna.church.

1. What do you think Pastor Tom meant by, "Giants help put life in perspective."
 2. What Giant do you seem to face over and over again? How could you counter their message of intimidation?
 3. King David mastered the art of Theological Reflection. Take a few moments to reflect on your experiences with God. How does this inform your understanding and Faith?
 4. We often discuss the importance of practicing the nine "healthy habits" highlighted in FirstStep. In an honest assessment – what one change might strengthen your faith?
 5. David rejected Saul's armor in lieu of his sling and stone. Can you think of a similar application to your own spiritual journey?
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Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for loving me and assuring me daily of your presence and divine love. Though it seems counter-intuitive, I thank you for the giants in my life that inspire me to exercise my faith in preparation and warfare.

Lord, I commit my battles to you, and request strength to stand and courage to act decisively in the name of the Lord. I pray for my family, and others as they face the daily giants of Culture, Crisis, and Criticism. Help them maintain their perspective by keeping their eyes on you.

Amen

At Manna We Believe

Salvation consists of the remission of sins, the impartation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, the gift of eternal life and the concomitant blessings thereof, which are a free gift of God, and received by faith alone apart from human works of merit. Even the ability to believe is a gift of God. This blessing in no way relieves men of their responsibility to repent and believe. After repentance towards God and faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ, the believer is to publicly proclaim his identity with Christ by immersion in water baptism, in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.