

•48So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. 1 Samuel 17:48-50

- Giants can be tangible or intangible: the things we haven't overcome because, seduced by fear, we think we can't.
- They can also be unattainable goals, unfinished projects, or unfulfilled dreams—the “loose ends” of life that keep us mired in mediocrity.
- It could be a person who stands between you and God; between who you are and who God wants you to be; between where you are and where God wants you to go; between what you believe and what God wants you to believe.
- Giants have one goal—to stop your progress and prevent you from reaching your destiny.
- It's time to bring down our giants.

• **Your/MY Giant is coming down!**

•**The Meeting.** *Meeting before the meeting. Meeting after the meeting. The meeting is not the most important meeting!*

•Consider today the Meeting before the meeting. What happens today will determine what happens in the valley.

☒ **Samuel**

•**Some seasons aren't coming back.**

•*Size 4 ain't coming back. High school... The job...*

•**The enemy is not afraid of your failure yesterday. He's afraid of what you will anoint tomorrow!!!**

•Instead of crying over what was lost, what failed, recognize that you've still got some oil!

☒ **Rejected by his family.**

•*Red Hair, Freckles.*

•*Taking care of the sheep. Not done by sons.*

•*Left out*

•***Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Psalm 51:5***

•**COVER-UP!**

•**REJECTION!**

• *One of the worst feelings is to be rejected, left out, overlooked.*

• Not everyone was raised with great parents.

• **Spiritual Rejection** — Wasn't good prayer — Let down — Divorce

• **He refused to let his family define his destiny.**

• You have to get to the place where you say- I don't care what they say about me, spoke over me, they can't curse what God has blessed!!!

• **RISE ABOVE REJECTION**

• David proves you can.

• **When you don't move past the rejection in the field it will kill you in the valley.**

• **Rejection not dealt with will have you slinging stones at yourself.**

• They were trying to **COVER-UP** a KING.

• If God is for you, family can't stand against you.

• **God makes the cast-outs conquers.**

• **It doesn't matter who is against you. The only thing that matters is who is for you, And GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE!!!**

• *And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. 1 Samuel 16:12-13*

• The Anointing has found you!!!

• **It's amazing what you can do when you know you're approved!**

☑ **Serving was the setup.**

• *If serving is beneath you leadership is beyond you.*

• Jesse asked and David said yes.

• **Not yes to fight. Yes to serve.**

• *WHAT IF... He said no- never went to valley, met brothers, heard Goliath speak, Faces the giant, ascends to the throne.*

• *28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."*

29And David said, “What have I done now? Is there not a cause?” 1 Samuel 17:28-29

☑ People who settle don't have a CAUSE they have a BECAUSE.

•Because- bi cause, introducing a subordinate clause or phrase

•For this cause I was born... John 18:37

•...that He might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

•A Cause reveals your enemy. A Because has you fighting everyone but your enemy.

• Unhealed trauma will have you seeing a difference of opinion as a personal attack.

•A cause is BIGGER than anything you've done or has been done to you. Bigger than anyone or anything standing against you!

•Cause/Dabar/Rhema- This word has a dual meaning. It indicates the word spoken but can also represent the action that is produced out of the spoken word.

•The Dabar of the Lord carries with it the ability to accomplish what it is sent out to do.

•When the Lord speaks a word to us it is a word of demonstration and carries with it the momentum, and velocity in order to cause displacement in the natural order.

•So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

•When you've got a cause lack can't stop you... fear, pain, distraction, people, lies, family, cities, failure, giants...

• When you've got a cause the giant doesn't get in your head, you get into his!!!