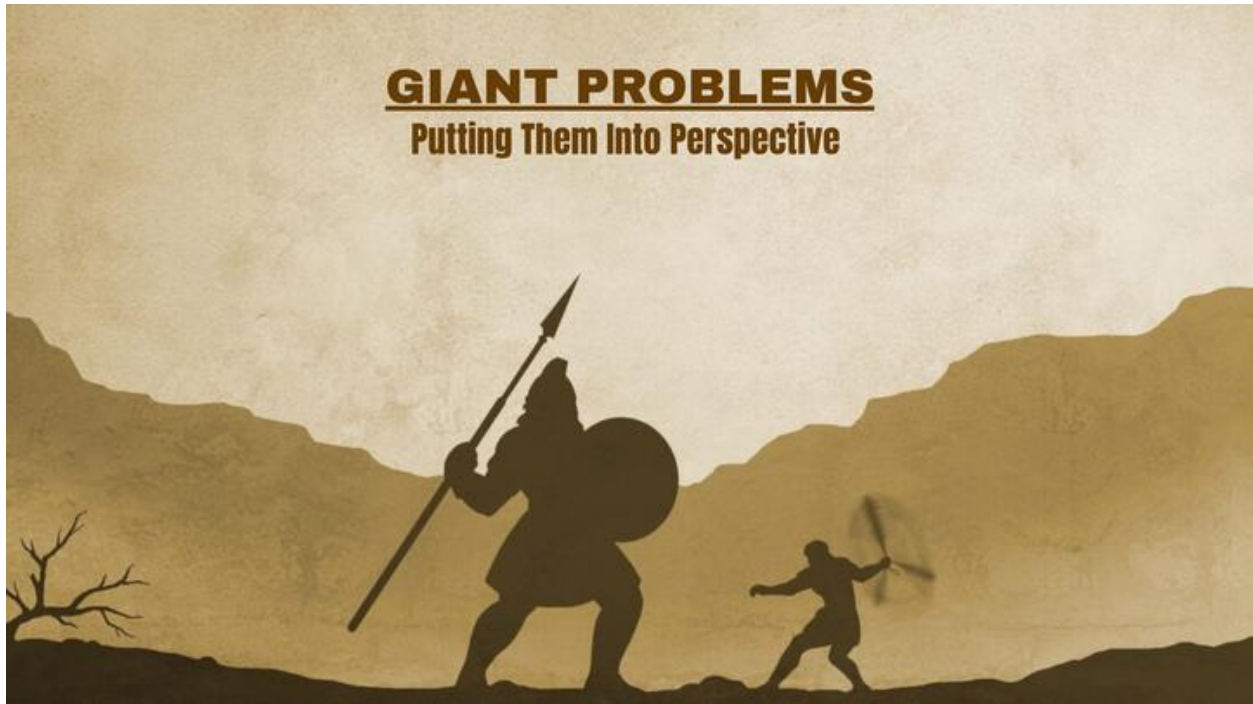


Father's Day: Giant Problems

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Father's Day: Putting Giant Problems into Perspective



GIANT PROBLEMS

1 Samuel 17:4–11 (NLT)⁴ Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! ⁵ He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. ⁶ He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield. ⁸ Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! ⁹ If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! ¹⁰ I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" ¹¹ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

Verse 16 says... “For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army”

Verse 24 says... “As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright”

WHAT NOT TO DO WHEN FACED WITH GIANT PROBLEMS:

1. NEVER LET THE DEVIL SEE YOU SWEAT OVER YOUR PROBLEMS

Verse 8... “Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. “Why are you all coming out to fight?” he called out. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul...”

Verse 11... “When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.”

2. NEVER RUN FROM YOUR PROBLEMS

Verse 16... “For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army.”

3. NEVER MEASURE YOURSELF AGAINST YOUR PROBLEMS

1 Samuel 17:12–15 (NLT) 12 Now David was the son of a man named Jesse, an Ephrathite from Bethlehem in the land of Judah. Jesse was an old man at that time, and he had eight sons. 13 Jesse’s three oldest sons—Eliab, Abinadab, and Shimea—had already joined Saul’s army to fight the Philistines. 14 David was the youngest son. David’s three oldest brothers stayed with Saul’s army, 15 but David went back and forth so he could help his father with the sheep in Bethlehem.

Verse 26... “David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?”

WHEN FACED WITH GIANT PROBLEMS...

1. REMEMBER, IT’S NOT HOW BIG YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE THAT COUNTS; IT’S HOW BIG YOU BELIEVE GOD IS THAT COUNTS

Verse 32... “Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him”

Verse 37...“... the Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

2. REMEMBER, WALK TOWARDS YOUR PROBLEMS, NOT AWAY FROM YOUR PROBLEMS

1 Samuel 17:41–49 (NLT)

41 Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, 42 sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. 43 “Am I a dog,” he roared at David, “that you come at me with a stick?” And he cursed David by the names of his gods. 44 “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled.

45 David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! 47 And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!”

48 As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. 49 Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground.

3. REMEMBER, ALWAYS STAND YOUR GROUND

Verse 45... “David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”

Verse 47 David... “... the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and He will give you to us.”

Verse 51 says... “When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they turned and ran!”