

Facing Your “Giants”



Characteristics of a Giant

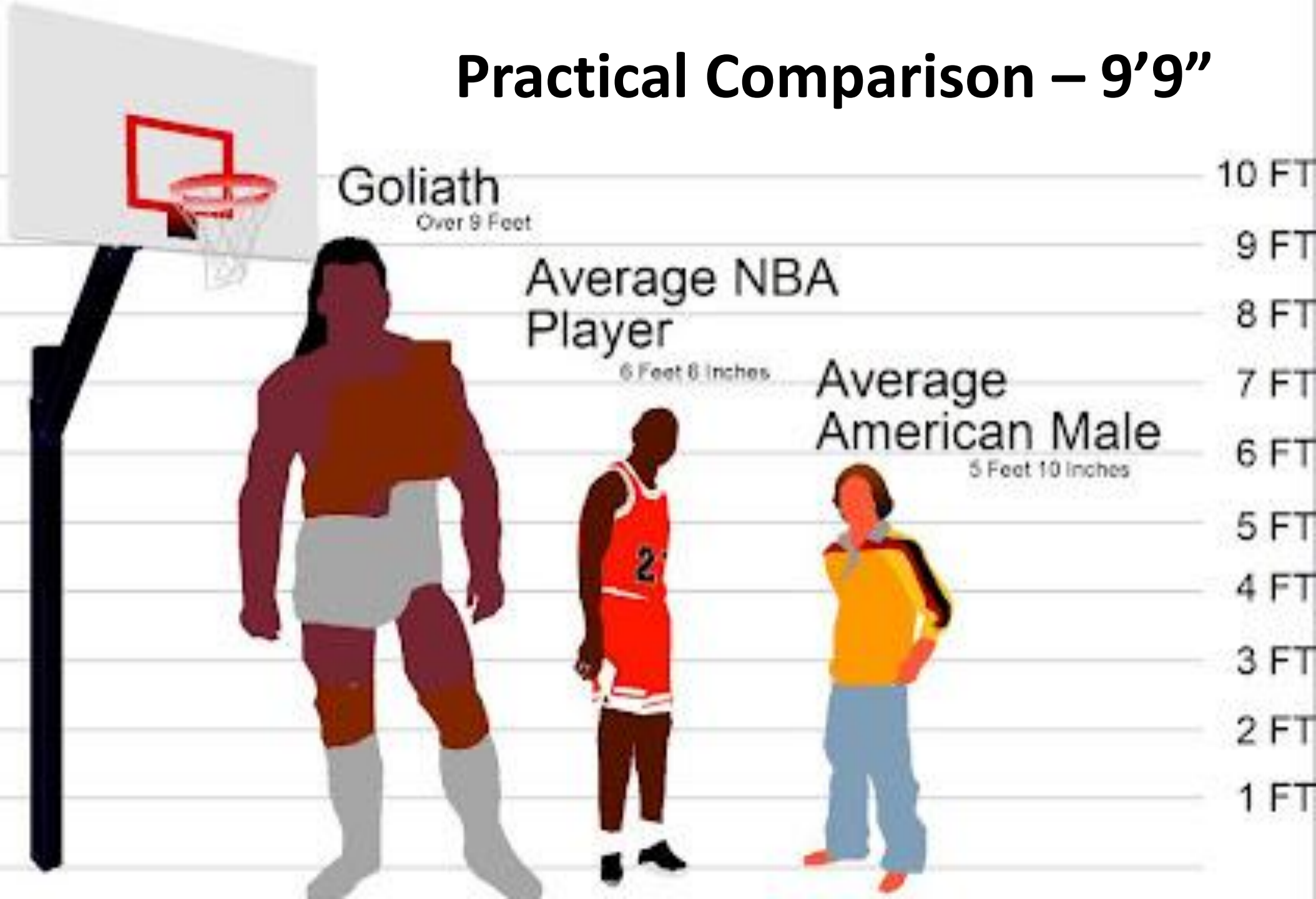
When we say “Giant” what do we mean?

Definition of Giant – a person, something, a situation, or a circumstance of superhuman size. It is gigantic and overwhelming in dimension, mass, force, and power. Take the ordinary and add extra to and it become extraordinary. It becomes huge, colossal, and unusually big and greater than normal.

- It's bigger than normal.
- It's larger than usual.
- It's of superhuman portions or supersedes what is normal.
- It's something bigger than what we can handle in our own natural strength.



Practical Comparison – 9'9"



- They look overwhelming.
- Their weapons are larger than our weapons.
- They tower over us
- In the natural it looks like something bigger than we're capable of handling in our own strength.

It makes us look smaller and incapable in our own eyes.

“And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”

Numbers 13:33

We were like grasshoppers in our sight and their sight.

Self Perception Altered by Comparison

That's a Giant Size Mistake

“For we dare not number ourselves, or compare ourselves, with some who commend themselves. For in measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, they are not wise.”

2 Corinthians 10:12

What Do You Do When You Face a Giant?

How do you respond?

One thing you don't do – you “dare” not compare yourself and measure yourself by that giant.

Measure – Never make the problem the standard you measure your life by. The problem is not the ruler you use.

You Cannot Have Faith by Looking at Giants

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.”

Hebrews 12:2

- **Faith begins and ends with Jesus**
- **He is the author of faith**
- **Look at Him**

Identify Your Giant



There were “Giants” in the Land

“There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”

Genesis 6:4

Types of Giants in the Land



Nephilim – “Murderous Giants”

*"So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, 'The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a **land that devours its inhabitants**; and all the people whom we saw in it are **men of great size**. ³³There also we saw the Giants (the sons of Anak are part of the Giants); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight"* **Numbers 13:32-33**

Rephaim: “Ancient Giants”

“Og king of Bashan was the last of the Rephaites.

His bed was decorated with iron and was more than nine cubits long and four cubits wide. It is still in Rabbah of the Ammonites.” **Deuteronomy 3:11**

Rephaim – “Old and Ancient Tribe”

Anakites – “Stubborn Giants”

“And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”

Numbers 13:32–33

Giants (Anakites) Sons of Anak – “Long Necks”

“Stiff Necked”

Amorites – “Whispering Giants”

“Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. ¹⁰ Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.”

Amos 2:9-10

Amorite – A “Sayer” (Craft a case against you and announce it)

You Can't Because Giants

Talking giants – They say things in your hearing. The use of intimidation, ridicule, fault finding. Seeking to disqualify you and discourage you. A “sayer” is a carpenter, craftsman, and one who makes announcements. They craft a case against you and then proclaim it like it is the truth.

Emim – “Giants of Fear”

“The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; ¹¹ Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites called them Emims.” **Deut. 2:10-11**

Giants (Emim) – “Terrors”

Zuzims – “Wandering Giants”

And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim.”

Genesis 14:5

Giants (Zuzims) – “Roving Creatures”

Goliath – “Glorious Giants”

“He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back His spear shaft was like a weaver’s rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.” **1 Samuel 17:5-7**

Goliath – “Splendor”

Saph and Sippai – Door Keeper Giants

“Then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant.” **2 Samuel 21:18**

Then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, that was of the children of the giant.” **1 Chronicles 20:4**

Saph means “Tall”

Sippai means “Threshold”

Lahmi – “Financial Giants”

“And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam.”

1 Chronicles 20:5

Lahmi – “My Bread”

Ishbibenob – “Religious Giants”

“And Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David.”

2 Samuel 21:16

Ishbibenob – His dwelling is in Nob (High Place) an ancient priestly city.

An Unnamed Warrior – “Nobody Giants”

“And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. ²¹ And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him.” **2 Samuel 21:20-21**

Face The Giant



There is no Other to Get Past Him

- Giants will scream at you
- Giants will hurl insults you
- Giants will tell you how much greater they are than you are.
- Giants will wave their huge weapons in your face
- Giants will try to create fear

- Giants will disdain you
- Giants will downgrade you
- Giants will declare you are unworthy of respect
- Giants will treat you with contempt
- Giants belittle your abilities
- Giants threaten you.
- Giants will shame and criticize you

Face the Splendor

“And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.”

Face the Insults and Threats

“Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel.”

“And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him”

“And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”

There are Only Two Choices

Israel Recoiled in Fear

“When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.”

1 Samuel 17:11

David Faced the Giant

“You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head.”

1 Samuel 17:45-46

You will know there is a God in Israel

There is One More Giant – An Invisible Giant

“The Advice of Others”

- A Brother’s Accusation**
- Qualifications of Others**
- Expectations of Others**

Third – Attack the Giant



Principle One – Go in the Name of the Lord

“Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you.”

Principle Two - Run to the Battle

“So 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.”

1 Samuel 17:48

Principle Three – Aim for the Head

“Then 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.” **1 Samuel 17:49**

Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it.” **1 Samuel 17:49-51**

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