



Your story matters.



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"FACING OUR GIANTS "

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MESSAGE NOTES

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_____ encounters giants in their life.

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1. Paralyzing _____

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Note 1 Samuel 17:12-15

Note 1 Samuel 17: 17-19

Sometimes even people who really love you or know better can interrupt/delay God's _____ for your life.

2. Shattering Disappointments

Note 1 Samuel 17:8-11

Goliath created an _____ of fear, anxiety, and hopelessness in Israel. And we live in a time where if we allow it, we are constantly _____ by negativity and hopelessness.

Everyone had already decided that Goliath was _____ and they were in a no-win situation.

Why?

Who they were _____ to (note 1 Samuel 17:16).

While there wasn't cable news and social media in 1 Samuel 17...the army of Israel was experiencing for the first time in this _____ setting what a 24 hour news cycle, cable news, and social media can do to people who are consumed with _____ messages and sights day after day...

David has to navigate the grip of defeatism, fear, and negativity that had been _____ as the status quo, as the conventional wisdom.

The reality is conventional wisdom isn't always _____.

The status quo is not always God's _____.

What's your giant?:

- So who are you _____ to?
- If you're listening, reading, and watching negative, fearful, _____, and angry people, guess what...?
- These things are all far more contagious than any _____.
- David had to face 2 giants before he ever came face-to-face with Goliath, and he was able to deal with both of them because of whose plan he _____, and because of whose _____ he listened to (note 1 Samuel 17:26b, 37).
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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: Would you rather have to eat coffee-flavored food for the rest of your life, or never drink any coffee-related products again?

1. Recount a situation where you had to wait a long time for something to change. What emotions did you experience as you waited?
2. Read [1 Samuel 16:13](#). As Pastor Tom highlighted, David was promised to one day become king, but in the meantime still tended his father's sheep and served King Saul. How are your emotions similar to David's in times of waiting? Read Psalm 130.
3. Read [1 Samuel 17:8-11 & 25-26](#). Why do you think David, who potentially had the most to lose if Israel fell, responded so fearlessly to Goliath's threats? What was the difference between his source of motivation, and that of his fellow Israelites?
4. Read [1 Samuel 17: 34-37](#). David let God serve as the loudest voice in both the mundane and challenging moments of his life. What voices do you allow to influence your life?
5. Share at least one area of life you need to hear God's voice or trust Him. Take time to pray for the person on your left as you finish the night.

Day One: [Matthew 11](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 11](#)

Day Three: [Romans 11](#)

Day Four: [1 Timothy 3](#)

Day Five: [Job 11](#)

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from
Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

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