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"FACING OUR GIANTS" (Part 2)

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MESSAGE NOTES

Giants are problems/obstacles that loom large over us, often produce fear, and paralyze us moving _____.

Everyone has to face _____ in their lives.

What most of us don't realize is that before David ever faced Goliath, he had to face at least ____ other *giants* that all of us will also face.

1. Paralyzing Interruptions

2. Shattering Disappointments

3. _____ Accusations

No one wants to be rejected, looked down on, talked to rudely, have our _____ questioned, and be dressed down in front of others.

But if you really want to follow Jesus and embrace His purposes and dreams, know that not everyone will _____ you and pat you on the back.

Note 1 Samuel 17:26-29 and 16:6-7

Sometimes even people _____ to you can't always see how God is at work in your life.

It's hard to navigate _____ and personal attacks.

Note Mark 3:20-21 and John 7:1-5

There's always a _____ to navigate...

We will have to navigate at times whether God's _____ is more important to you and me than the _____ of people...

4. _____ Doubts

Doubts can be _____-doubts.

But often feeding into any _____-doubt are the doubts others have _____ at us.

After dealing with his older brother's disparaging words, he now had to deal with the most important _____ expert in Israel.

Note 1 Samuel 17:26, 30-31, 32-33

The _____ aren't always right.

What's your giant?:

- Who am I _____ to?
- If I mostly only listen to the giants, I'll _____ of paralyzing interruptions/delays, and shattering disappointments.
- And if I'm mostly listening to the voices of others who may be close to me, or who supposedly know more than me, I'll be _____ and stuck by their disparaging words and by the nagging doubts that swirl around.
- There are more _____ in today's world than ever before that create giants in our lives, and they get their _____ in our lives when we listen to them more than we listen to God.
- So who we listen to _____ makes all the difference when we face giants in our lives (note Psalms 18:35).

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Icebreaker: If you had to choose to be born in a different decade (i.e. the 70s, 80s, 90s, etc.), which would you choose and why? What if you had to be born in a different country?

1. Are you the type of person that deals with accusations calmly, or passionately? How can your reaction differ, depending on who's making the accusation?
2. Read [1 Samuel 17:17-23 & 26-28](#). How would you respond if put in David's position? In your opinion, what do you think caused Eliab's accusations in the first place?
3. Read [1 Samuel 17:29-30](#). Why do you think David left his brother to continue the conversation elsewhere? How can his behavior speak into how you respond to the voices in your life?
4. Review point 4 of the Message notes and read [1 Samuel 17:31-37](#). Have there been times when you've had to disregard expert advice and how did that turn out?
5. Share at least one area of life that you are currently facing giants of adversity or doubt. Pray together, asking for God's guidance and sustainment.

Day One: [Psalm 11](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 11](#)

Day Three: [Joshua 11](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 11](#)

Day Five: [Acts 11](#)

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



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