

# Your story matters.





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## "CONQUERING OUR GIANTS" (Part 1)

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| MESSAGE NOTES  |
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| God never  |
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| Note <u>1 Samuel 17: 32-33</u>   |
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| There's not a on God's working in, for, and through you.   |
| Note <u>Psalm 143:5</u>  |
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| •                       | Note <u>Ecclesiastes 11:4</u>  |
| •                       | If we wait until everything is in a world that's broken by sin and surrounded by people with spiritually defective DNA, there will always be a giant of some kind in our way |
| •                       | The good news is you don't have to look like, sound like, dress like, walk like, talk like, or be like someone/something else in order to be                                 |
| •                       | Conquering giants in our lives starts by remembering who God is and what He's done, and trusting Him with what He's to us today to use for His glory.                        |
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God can use whatever is in your hands today to \_\_\_\_\_ His

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## **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

Icebreaker: What's your favorite thing to eat during Thanksgiving? (For extra fun, check out what your favorite food says about you @ https://myrc.link/TurkeyTalk.)

- 1. Read Exodus 13:3; <u>Deuteronomy 4:20</u>; <u>Psalm 77:11</u>; <u>111:4</u> and <u>1 Corinthians 11:24-25</u>. How does recalling God's faithfulness in your life help you navigate current challenges/giants? Be specific.
- 2. Read <u>1 Samuel 17: 32-33</u>. When have you been in a similar situation to David's? How did you respond?
- 3. Read <u>1 Samuel 17:34-37</u>. David responded with complete confidence in God. Are there circumstances where it is easier/harder for you to respond with this type of confidence? Explain.
- 4. Read <u>1 Samuel 17:38-40</u>. God was able to use the faithfulness of David, a lone teenager, to affect the trajectory of an entire nation. What skills/gifts has God given you and how are you using them to impact the world around you?
- 5. Pastor Tom shared how "There's not a quota on God's working in, for, and through you." What "David-level" step do you feel God challenging you to take with Him? Share with your group, and then pray for each other to confidently take your next step.

Day One: Matthew 12

Day Two: <u>Genesis 12</u>

Day Three: Romans 12

Day Four: 1 Timothy 4

Day Five: Job 12

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

**PERSONAL GUIDE** 



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...we easily fall into the trap of *wearing <u>Saul's armor</u>* when it doesn't fit and it's not what God has put into your hands.

### What's your giant?:

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