
A Year in the Word

A Year in the Word: Part 23

Small Group Questions: Goliath Must Fall (Miniseries Part 1)

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Read

1 Samuel 17:1–11 and 24–57; Roman 8:31; Ephesians 1:18–21; and Psalm 16:9

Reflect

In 1 Samuel 17, the Israelite army is paralyzed in fear, waiting for someone to take care of things, to take care of the giant, Goliath. Young David volunteers to face Goliath while all of Israel's warriors hang back. He kills the giant using a slingshot. This story is often viewed as an example of the faithful underdog winning the day. But rather than imagining ourselves in David's shoes, what if we picture Jesus as the one who walks into that valley to fight the giant we fear most? How might that change your perspective on how you face the giant in your life?

Pastor Josh Surratt describes how we can stand in faith when facing a giant:

1. Get the right perspective on the giant.
 - a. What giant are you facing? Anxiety? Rejection? Anger? Addiction? Explain.
 - i. Does this giant feel insurmountable? How long has it been hanging around?
 - ii. Have there been seasons where you fought that giant, but it kept coming back? Why do you think that was?
 - b. How have you been dealing with this giant? In what ways have you been looking through the lens of your circumstances instead of the lens of Jesus?
 - c. Why is it important to name our giants?
2. Tell someone the giant is dead.
 - a. David tells Saul the giant is dead. He shows him proof. Why should we declare to someone the death of a giant in our lives?
 - b. How willing are you to declare not only what you've gone through a long time ago, but are going through right now?
 - c. Although the giant is dead, how might it remain deadly?
3. Go ahead and sing a victory song.
 - a. What songs take you back to certain moments and memories?
 - b. What are your go-to worship songs? Why is each one important to you?
 - c. In general, why is worship so important?
 - d. When have you felt the power of Christ in worship? How could you lean on him more?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?