

KILLING GIANTS AND BECOMING KINGS

1. EMBRACE THE _____ SEASONS

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

Psalm 78:70-72 (NIV)

*But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." **1 Samuel 17:34-37 (NIV)***

Giant Killer #1: Instead of " _____ "

I'm going to ask " _____ "

2. PUT YOUR GIANT INTO _____

Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!"

1 Samuel 17:8-10 (NLT)

*When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken. **1 Samuel 17:11 (NLT)***

Giant Killer #2: When it looks like it's " _____ "

_____ " I'm going to look at it as " _____ "

_____ "

*If God is for us, who can ever be against us? **Romans 8:31 (NLT)***

3. FOCUS ON THE _____ MORE THAN THE _____

*"Have you seen the giant?" the men asked. "He comes out each day to defy Israel. The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man's entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!" David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?" And these men gave David the same reply. They said, "Yes, that is the reward for killing him." But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "What are you doing around here anyway?" he demanded. "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!" "What have I done now?" David replied. "I was only asking a question!" He walked over to some others and asked them the same thing and received the same answer. **1 Samuel 17:25-30 (NLT)***

Giant Killer #3: Instead of being distracted by the

_____, I'm going to focus on the _____.

4. FIGHT WITH THE RIGHT _____

*David said to the Philistine, "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. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." **1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NIV)***

*As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. **1 Samuel 17:48-49 (NIV)***

*The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked. **Proverbs 24:16 (NLT)***

Giant Killer #4: It's never about what _____,

it's always about what _____.