



POETS PROPHETS AND KINGS

Small Group Questions Part 3: David and Goliath

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Read

Psalms 78:70–72; 1 Samuel 17:8–11 and 25–49; Proverbs 24:16; and Romans 8:31

Reflect

One of the big problems Israel faced was Goliath. All the armies of Israel were intimidated and afraid—except for David. He was the only one willing to face this giant. Yet, all of his life David had experienced voices of rejection: from his father, his brother, and even his king. Rather than listen to these voices that could have easily neutralized him and kept him from doing God's will, David listened to God's voice. He found unshakeable confidence in his faith. David was a shepherd, but in his heart he was already a king.

Are you allowing a Goliath to prevent you from pursuing the future that God has planned for you?

Pastor Josh Surratt offers us ways to kill giants and become like kings:

1. Embrace the preparation seasons.
 - a. Giant Killer #1: Instead of "I deserve better", I'm going to ask: "how can I get better."
 - i. What Goliath are you facing? Financial? Relational? Physical? Other?
 - ii. Are you in a season of preparation?
 - iii. How can you better focus on this as a time to build character and develop new skills?
 - iv. Think of a time when a skill you learned (that might have seemed small) later helped you accomplish something important.
2. Put your giant into perspective.
 - a. Giant Killer #2: When it looks like "it's too big to beat", I'm going to look at it as: "It's too big to miss."
 - i. Is there something you're allowing to intimidate and hold you back? Does it look too big to handle? Does it continue to resurface? How will you put it in perspective?
 - ii. Do you have a testimony about how fear seemed worse than the reality of the situation?
 1. Did you allow it to distract you from your game plan?
3. Focus on the prize more than the problem.
 - a. Giant Killer #3: Instead of being distracted by the problem, I'm going to focus on the payoff.
 - i. What prize do you need to focus on?
 - ii. How often do you focus on the obstacles rather than the prize?
 - iii. Have you ever focused on the prize and seen it pay off?
4. Fight with the right weapons.
 - a. Giant Killer #4: It's never about what I can't do; it's always about what God can do.
 - i. Are you lacking confidence in a certain area?
 - ii. Are you running from or toward your Goliath?
 - iii. What weapons are you currently using? How well are they working?
 - iv. What different weapons of God could you use instead?

What might it look like if you fight your Goliath with the weapons given to you by God?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?