

David pt3 – Giant-killing Lessons

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[Heb 11:32 NASB95] 32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

[1Sa 17:45-49 NASB95] 45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. 46 "This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands." 48 Then it happened when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung [it,] and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground.

- Summary. Each of these could be a message in and of themselves.
- We understand that giants are anything God wants us to win over.

What are the lessons we can apply today about our giants?

Here are seven giant killing lessons we need to know today.

I. Don't let your giant distract you. V. 20, 22.

- a. [1Sa 17:20, 22 NASB95] 20 So David arose early in the morning and left the flock with a keeper and took [the supplies] and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the circle of the camp while the army was going out in battle array shouting the war cry. ... 22 Then David left his baggage in the care of the baggage keeper, and ran to the battle line and entered in order to greet his brothers.
- b. Your enemy will get you to hyper-focus on the battle and forget your responsibilities and relationships.
- c. Be balanced. Take care of the priorities when addressing your giants.

II. Expect reward. V. 25-27, 30.

- a. [1Sa 17:25-27, 30 NASB95] 25 The men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he is coming up to defy Israel. And it will be that the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel." 26 Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?" 27 The people answered him in accord with this word, saying, "Thus it will be done for the man who kills him." ... 30 Then he turned away from him to another and said the same thing; and the people answered the same thing as before.
- b. Jesus – Give, pray, fast. The God who sees in secret will reward you.
- c. Jesus - [Heb 12:2 NASB95] 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- d. [Heb 11:6 NASB95] 6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

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III. Ignore critics. V. 28-29, 42-44.

- a. [1Sa 17:28-29, 42-44 NASB95] 28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger burned against David and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle." 29 But David said, "What have I done now? Was it not just a question?" ... 42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him; for he was [but] a youth, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance. 43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field."
- b. Brothers and giants were talking him down.
- c. [1Ti 4:12 NASB95] 12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but [rather] in speech, conduct, love, faith [and] purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.
- d. It's not about popping people in the mouth (Mike Tyson), but don't let it keep you back.

IV. Remember your history. V. 33-37.

- a. [1Sa 17:33-37 NASB95] 33 Then Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are [but] a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, 35 I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued [it] from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized [him] by his beard and struck him and killed him. 36 "Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God." 37 And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you."
- b. Remember what God did for you.
- c. Develop a history with God. Healing v Holiness. Money v Mouth. Demons v Dishes. Finances v Flesh. Influences v Integrity. Relationships v Repentance. Public v Private.

V. Wear your armor. V. 38-40.

- a. [1Sa 17:38-40 NASB95] 38 Then Saul clothed David with his garments and put a bronze helmet on his head, and he clothed him with armor. 39 David girded his sword over his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested [them.] So David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested [them.]" And David took them off. 40 He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in [his] pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.
- b. David did not fight with armor yet. He eventually learned to fight with armor.
- c. Counsel is good. [Pro 11:14 NASB95] 14 Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory.
- d. End of the day, fight the way God has you fighting now.

VI. Declare your faith. V. 45-47.

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47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands."

- b. What comes out of your mouth will determine what you eventually experience.
- c. [Mar 11:23 NASB95] 23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him.

VII. Carry the head of your giant. V. 50-51, 54, 57.

- a. [1Sa 17:50-51, 54, 57 NASB95] 50 Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand. 51 Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. ... 54 Then David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his weapons in his tent. ... 57 So when David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the Philistine's head in his hand.
 - b. No more silent victories. [2Co 10:13-17 NASB95] 13 But we will not boast beyond [our] measure, but within the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you. 14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we did not reach to you, for we were the first to come even as far as you in the gospel of Christ; 15 not boasting beyond [our] measure, [that is,] in other men's labors, but with the hope that as your faith grows, we will be, within our sphere, enlarged even more by you, 16 so as to preach the gospel even to the regions beyond you, [and] not to boast in what has been accomplished in the sphere of another. 17 But HE WHO BOASTS IS TO BOAST IN THE LORD.
 - c. Spiritual pride: We get the glory, and others are made inferior.
 - d. Boasting in the Lord: He alone gets the glory. Others get inspired. Our joy is filled.
- **God wants you to apply these seven giant-killing lessons to live in the victory over our giants.**