



NAVIGATING THE SEASONS OF LIFE

The Story of David

DEFEATING GIANTS

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Giants come in all shapes and sizes. Often, they attack in packs. David picked up five stones because Goliath had four brothers, all of them giants too. Seldom have we Americans faced more giants than we do today. Yet, whatever your giants, they can't be any bigger than the incredible hulk David battled in the Valley of Elah. So, grab your popcorn and get a ringside seat at the super-heavyweight fight of the ages. We guarantee that the practical and relevant secrets of the young shepherd's underdog victory will make you a champion when you face and defeat your Goliaths in your own Valleys of Elah.

TWELVE KEYS TO SLAYING YOUR GIANTS

1. Remember, **Jesus has already defeated every giant** any of us will ever face. His victory is already ours for the taking. [1 Samuel 17:1-24]
2. Be confident of this: **God's glory is at stake when his people battle giants**—and, he always takes care of his own reputation ...and ours [1 Samuel 17:10&11]
3. Find your courage in the Covenant. The **spiritually-circumcised will always defeat the spiritually uncircumcised** [1 Samuel 17:28]

4. Never forget: **giants don't get smaller with time** [1 Samuel 17:23&24]
5. When counting the cost: **the rewards of defeating giants always outweigh the risks of taking them on.** [1 Samuel 17:25-27]
6. Remember, **a little person with a big heart is always better equipped to face giants than a big person with a little heart** [I Samuel 17:28-32]
7. **Keep a record of the ways God has given you the power to defeat giants in the past,** relying on His eternal faithfulness to be present in today's battles. [1 Samuel 17:34-37]
8. You **can't go to battle in another person's armor.** You have to fight with the unique strengths and gifts that God has given you. [I Samuel 17:38-40]
9. When giants trash-talk to scare you, **come right back with the bold faith promises of God.** Memorize them, sing them, shout them, repeat them—as much to strengthen your own faith as to intimidate Goliath. [1 Samuel 17:41-47]
10. Attack your giants immediately. **Don't give them time to gain a stranglehold in your life.** [1 Samuel 17:48-50]
11. Cut off their heads. **Don't leave them wounded, or put them in a cage as a pet, or they will rise again.** [1 Samuel 17:51-54]
12. Never forget: defeated people are watching you fight your battles. **When they see your triumphs, they are inspired to embrace the Savior and King who gave you the victories!** Defeating giants is a Great Commission enterprise. [1 Samuel 17:55-18:4]