
The Giant Slayers, Part IV (This Doesn't Fit)

Vision in The Land of Giants

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Sermon: Vision in The Land of Giants: The Giant Slayers, Part IV (This Doesn't Fit)

Lesson Text

1 Samuel 17:31–39 (AV)³¹ And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed *them* before Saul: and he sent for him. ³² And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. ³³ And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. ³⁴ And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: ³⁵ And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. ³⁶ Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. ³⁸ And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him.

Introduction

Three weeks ago, we began to look at Giants from the perspective of their size and the perspective of their numbers.

- Giant Slayers I, Spiritual Warfare: Spirits of Intimidation, Fear, and Defiance
- Giants Slayers II, These Giants Ain't Normal: Principalities, Powers, Rulers, Wickedness
- Giants Slayers III, Is There Not A Cause: To Live For, To Fight For, To Die For

How many of you have ever felt that you just didn't fit in?

Maybe you didn't feel like you fit in the family you were born to, you didn't fit in the life you were given, you didn't fit in the in-crowd at school, you didn't fit hanging out in the world, didn't fit in the marriage you chose, and maybe you didn't even fit in the church.

And so, for most people, they either try to conform to the world around them, or they seek a new world (people, marriage, job, ministry) that they think will fit better.

Romans 12:2 (AV)² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The problem was never about the world around us, it was about us. It's not about changing the natural world around us, but transforming ourselves to fit our calling to this world.

David recognized this when the world tried to conform him to fight his Giant, but he realized that what the world was offering didn't fit. And if it doesn't fit, then we won't be able to fight.

1 Samuel 17: ³⁹ ... And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him.

We fight for our lives, for our families, for our jobs, for our marriages, and for our ministries; but if the armor that we have on doesn't fit, we won't be able to fight.

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“This Heart Doesn't Fit, This Armor Doesn't Fit, This Fight Doesn't Fit”

I. This Heart Doesn't Fit

1 Samuel 17: ³² And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

The reason why so many people lose the battle with their Giants is not actually because of their battle, but because of their heart.

In The Art of War by Sun Tzu, he teaches that you can subdue and defeat your enemy without having to fight. This is accomplished by knowing your enemy: his plans, his strategies, and most importantly his mind (how he thinks).

Most battles are lost not because their faith fails, but because their heart fails.

We fail in our battles, our ministries, our callings, our relationships, our marriages, our friendships, our careers and businesses not because we lose our fight, but because we lose our heart.

David said, “Let no man's heart fail because of this giant!”

If you are losing the battle without even a fight, you have a heart failure problem and you need a heart transplant. The heart you have doesn't fit the battle that you're in.

- Jeremiah 17: ⁹ The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
- Psalm 51: ⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

When the heart doesn't fit the fight, the fight isn't the problem, it's the heart; Change the heart!

2 Corinthians 5: ¹⁷ Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Psalm 51: ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. ¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

Philippians 4: ⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

II. This Armor Doesn't Fit

1 Samuel 17: ³⁸ And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him.

The next challenge we face in battling our Giants is what we use during the fight. And because most people use the wrong armor and weapons, they are doomed even before they get started.

No one likes to get hurt, so they put on armor to protect themselves. If someone does manage to hurt us, we have weapons to hurt back.

The problem is it's the wrong armor and the wrong weapons.

The enemy wants to hurt and destroy our purpose, our calling, our courage, our protection, and our weapons; and if we have the wrong armor, we will lose.

Too many people wear their emotions, their flesh, and their pride to protect themselves; so they react instead of respond, fall instead of stand, and surrender instead of resist.

This is the world's armor, and it doesn't fit; we must change our armor.

2 Corinthians 10: ⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Ephesians 6: ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

We must protect our purpose with the gospel of peace, protect our calling with the helmet of salvation, protect our heart with the breastplate of righteousness, protect our courage with the shield of faith, and our weapons with the sword of the spirit.

And when we do, we can't be defeated.

Psalms 27: ² When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Psalms 91: ⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

Isaiah 54: ¹⁷ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

III. This Fight Doesn't Fit

1 Samuel 17: ³³ And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

The final challenge in fighting our Giants is the fight itself!

- They lose their heart to fight because the heart doesn't fit; Change Your heart!
- They lose their calling and purpose because the armor doesn't fit; Change Your Armor!
- They lose their war because the fight doesn't fit; Change Your Fight!

Saul said that David couldn't win the war because he wasn't a man of war. But what he failed to understand is that everyone else was a man of war, but they were still losing the war.

The world has its war for fighting. They fight with their emotions; they fight with their reactions; they fight with their arguments; they fight with their strength, power, and might.

They keep fighting the same fight; and they keep losing. And what is insanity? Doing the same thing over and over expecting different results.

But this fight doesn't fit! We must change our fight!

Zechariah 4: ⁶ ... This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

David changed his fight to a Spiritual Fight!

When the lion and the bear came after the sheep, David changed his fight.

1 Samuel 17: ³⁷ David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

When the enemy comes after us, we must Change our Fight!

1 Peter 5: ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Timothy 6: ¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

James 4: ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Giant Slayers, Part IV (This Doesn't Fit))

Lesson Text

- 1 Samuel 17:31–39

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *This Heart Doesn't Fit*

II. *This Armor Doesn't Fit*

III. *This Fight Doesn't Fit*

Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday's Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. You've been invited to a casual dinner party with 15 friends. Everyone is signing up to bring one thing. Of the following, which will you bring: (A) a deliciously prepared meat (chicken or fish) dish; (B) a favorite homestyle side dish; (C) a healthy but tasty hot vegetable; (D) a robust salad; (E) a dessert; (F) drinks; (G) plates and cups. Share with your group exactly what you'd bring.
2. Of the following, which would you say is your top strength: (A) Strategic Thinking ("I'm good at finding alternative ways of doing things"); (B) Relationship Building ("I enjoy building relationships with others"); (C) Influencing ("I'm good at influencing what others do"); (D) Executing ("Once I know a plan, I can get it done!").

II. Into the Bible

1. The Apostle Paul states in Rom. 12:3 that each of us have been given a measure of faith. Answer the following questions about a measure of faith:
 - a. What is a measure of faith? Can it increase?
 - b. How is David's measure of faith reflected in his attitude in 1 Sam 17:32-37? What is the source of his faith?
 - c. His "combat experiences" in slaying the lion and bear appears to have prepared him to slay Goliath. Have your previous "combat experiences" prepared you for slaying your present-day Goliath? If so, how? (reference any scripture references)
 - d. How can one's measure of faith impact others?
 - e. Did Saul have faith? If so, what is the source?

III. Life Application

1. **The Heart / Mouth Connection Self-Evaluation:** We can sometimes sabotage the outcomes of battles because of what we believe about the battle. The words that come out of our mouths are clues to what's

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going on in our hearts. David spoke accurately and with courage concerning his beliefs about God and Goliath.

- i.** Pay close attention to your words this week. What have you learned about your heart by hearing your own words?
- ii.** Are you satisfied with what you've learned about what's in your heart? Did you find yourself adjusting your words to align with your beliefs?
- iii.** Do you believe God is pleased with what's in your heart and coming out of your mouth?