
The Giant Slayers, Part VI (Defeating The 4 Giants)

Vision in The Land of Giants

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Sermon: Vision in The Land of Giants: The Giant Slayers, Part VI (Defeating The 4 Giants)

Lesson Text

2 Samuel 21:15–22 (AV)¹⁵ Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. ¹⁶ And Ishbibenob, which *was* of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a new *sword*, thought to have slain David. ¹⁷ But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel. ¹⁸ And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of the sons of the giant. ¹⁹ And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew *the brother of Goliath* the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam. ²⁰ And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. ²¹ And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him. ²² These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

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
- Giants Slayers IV, This Doesn't Fit: The Heart, The Armor, The Fight
- Giants Slayers V, The 5 Stones: Creation, Deliverance, Worship, Wilderness, and Law

How many of you have ever felt that as soon as you get out of one situation, here comes another one.

2 Corinthians 4: ⁸ *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Years ago, I preached a message titled “The Giants Keep Coming, and We Keep Knocking Them Down.”

The point was to stop stressing out about your trouble, your persecutions, or your fears and just keep knocking them down.

Although David has already defeated Goliath, we see more and more Giants coming out of the woodworks; battle after battle after battle after battle!

But the end result of each battle is always the same; the Giants keep getting knocked down.

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Each of these 4 Giants represent the Giants of Life that we must defeat to possess our Promise.

- The 1st Giant, Ishbibenob, represents the Giants of Weariness
- The 2nd Giant, Saph, represents the Giants of Generational Strongholds
- The 3rd Giant, Goliath's brother, represents Giants of Familiar Spirits
- The 4th Giant, a Descendent of Goliath, represents Giants of Abnormality

Last week we learned that 5 Stones of David were the first 5 books of the Old Testament. I find it interesting that the first 4 books of the New Testament are the Gospel, the sword of the spirit.

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“The Giants of Weariness, Generations, Familiarity, and Abnormality”

I. The Giants of Weariness

2 Samuel 21: ¹⁵ Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. ¹⁶ And Ishbibenob, which *was* of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a new *sword*, thought to have slain David.

This first Giant is the Giant of Weariness!

David was a great warrior; however, he had reached a time in life where we had become weary.

Now Paul teaches us to not get weary: Galatians 6: ⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

But the fact is that we do get weary.

John 9: ⁴ **I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**

Ecclesiastes 12: ¹ Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

Daniel 7: ²⁵ And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, ...

We get weary when the night time comes; we get weary when the evil days or old age comes; we get weary because the enemy is relentless and never lets up.

So how do we deal with this conundrum or predicament? On one hand we are told to not get weary, but on the other hand life will make us weary.

The answer is to always make sure we have an US (“Let US not be weary...”)

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The enemy always looks for the faint, the tired, the weary to attack; so it is imperative that we always have an “US” with us for the times we get weary.

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Ecclesiastes 4: ⁹ Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. ¹⁰ For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up. ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone*? ¹² And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Romans 15: ¹ We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.

Isaiah 40: ²⁹ He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength. ³⁰ **Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:** ³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

II. The Giants of Generational Strongholds

2 Samuel 21: ¹⁸ And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of the sons of the giant.

The Giants keep coming, but we keep knocking them down! This second Giant that comes against us is the Giant of Generations. This Giant, Saph, was the Son or descendent of Goliath.

There are many struggles we face that come down through Generational lines. Your daddy struggled with it, your granddaddy has the same problem: Generational Curses and Strongholds.

Exodus 20: ⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

There are some giants we have to face that have come through generations of nature and nurture.

Psalms 51: ⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

And the biggest challenge we have to contend with concerning these giants is they get worse and worse every generation.

Matthew 12: ⁴³ When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. ⁴⁴ Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished. ⁴⁵ Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

To deal with these Giants, we have to become a Champion in the Name of Jesus

Sibbechai the Hushathite, who killed this Giant was a Champion of David, an armor bearer, a mighty man of God.

We have to realize that we are not fighting for ourselves, but as a Champion of Jesus.

Legion, who was tormented by over six thousand generational demons, couldn't be tamed or restrained until he came into the presence of Jesus.

Mark 5: ² And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³ Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:.. ⁶ But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

James 2: ¹⁹ Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

When you are a Champion of Jesus, when you come in the Name of Jesus, Giants tremble.

Philippians 2: ⁹ Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; ¹¹ And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

III. The Giants of Familiar Spirits

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The Giants keep coming, but we keep knocking them down! This third Giant represents attacks of unclean spirits that we're familiar with; he was a brother of Goliath.

Luke 4: ¹³ And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

When we defeat the enemy, we must recognize that it is always for a season. Meaning that in one form or another, he will always come back.

If you recall, we say this phenomenon in the previous point: Matthew 12: ⁴³ **When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. ⁴⁴ Then he saith, *I will return into my house from whence I came out;***

He left with a blue suit, and he came back with a red dress; but you know it's the same devil, the same spirit, the same principality, the same power, from the same family tree.

The key to dealing with familiar spirits is to use the same fight, the same God you used before.

Hebrews 13: ⁸ Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

When the devil comes with a familiar spirit, you come back with the same God, the same Lord, the same Prayer, the same Fasting. If he did it before, he'll do it again.

IV. The Giants of Abnormality

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The Giants keep coming, but we keep knocking them down.

- Weariness Giants keep coming, but we keep knocking them down together.
- Generational Stronghold Giants keep coming, but we keep knocking them down in the Name of Jesus
- Familiar Spirit Giants keep coming, but we keep knocking them down with the same God
- Abnormal Giants keep coming, but we keep knocking them down

In our second message of this series, we said “These Giants Ain't Normal!” And this giant isn't normal. He had 6 fingers on each hand, and 6 toes on each foot; he wasn't normal.

Ephesians 6: ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

But just because these giants are not normal, they still fall down the same way.

1 Peter 4: ¹² Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: ¹³ But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

The principalities may be abnormal, but rejoice because they are still coming down.

The power may be abnormal, but rejoice because they are still coming down.

The rulers of darkness may be abnormal, but rejoice because they are still coming down.

The spiritual wickedness may be abnormal, but rejoice because they are still coming down.

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Giant Slayers, Part VI (Defeating The 4 Giants))

Lesson Text

- 2 Samuel 21:15–22

Sermon Outline (Notes)

- I. The Giants of Weariness*
- II. The Giants of Generational Strongholds*
- III. The Giants of Familiar Spirits*
- IV. The Giants of Abnormality*

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

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. Which gemstone are you most like: Sapphire / Ruby / Emerald / Opal / Pearl / Diamond ?
2. **Riddle Me This:**
 - i. *Last Week's Riddle Me This Answer:* your name
 - ii. The poor have me; the rich need me. Eat me and you will die. What am I?

II. Into the Bible

1. Read Mark 8:31-33 and 1 Peter 4:12-14, and answer the following: (a) How has Peter's view of enduring hard trials for the sake of the Kingdom of God changed between the events of Mark 8 and his writing of 1 Peter 4? (b) What events occurred between the time of these two scriptures that may have changed his view? (c) What is the right way to view our suffering for Christ's sake?
2. Study Galatians 6:1-2. What instruction do we get from these verses that we can use to help each other avoid weariness when we fall into sin or struggle under a heavy burden?

III. Life Application

1. Share with your growth group which two of the four giants mentioned in the sermon impacted you the most. What advice can you give to the others in facing these particular giants?
2. What confessions do you make to encourage yourself when the giants keep coming?