



DGM Message Title: Giant Killer

Concept: What's Keeping You from Freedom?

Message Summary:

David was willing to run to the battle against Goliath. What giant are you running from? Thousands of soldiers watched, but only one boy believed. Will you dare to believe? Will you run toward your battle instead of from it? There is no hole too deep for God to get you out. And He will set you up twice as high as you were, before.

Scriptural References:

- 1 Samuel 17:1-49 NKJV
- Hebrews 12:2 NKJV
- Mark 11:22-24 NKJV

Key Points:

1 Samuel 17:1 NKJV

- The Philistines were an advanced, aggressive, warlike people.
 - They were the enemies of Israel for the next couple hundred years.
- One of the most ancient rules of warfare is to maintain the high ground.
 - Fighting up a hill can be a suicide mission.

1 Samuel 17:3 NKJV

- In our relationships, we know where we are and where we want to be.
 - We often ignore the empty space between us.

1 Samuel 17:4-7 NKJV

- Trial by battle ordeal: 2 strongest representations of each army would meet and battle to the death.
 - Both armies promised that they would accept the winner of that battle as the will of the gods.
 - The losing side would submit to the winning side.
 - This saved lives in the long run.
- Goliath was about 9+ feet tall
 - He had the best armor
 - He was in the best physical condition
 - He was a human tank.

1 Samuel 17:8 NKJV

- Goliath constantly mocked the Israelites.
- David and Goliath is a picture of Jesus' task.
 - David came down off the mountain into the valley.
 - Jesus came down from Heaven to fight a battle that no man could win.

1 Samuel 17:9 NKJV

- Everything was on the line.
 - If Jesus didn't conquer the grave, we would be servants of death forever.
- "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." – Edmund Burke
- Goliath got cocky, demanding for someone to fight him.
 - Essentially, Goliath was asking which man in the army trusted God.

1 Samuel 17:11 NKJV

- Saul was bigger than the others in the nation. One would think that he would be the one to fight Goliath.
- "Everybody wants to be a diamond, but very few are willing to get cut." – Unknown
- Everyone was afraid.

1 Samuel 17:24-25 NKJV

- Everyone focused on the size of the giant instead of the size of their God.

1 Samuel 17:26 NKJV

- David didn't have a martyr mentality.
 - He never worried about what he could lose.
- Jesus was the same way
 - Hebrews 12:2 NKJV
 - He wasn't focused on what He was going through. Instead, He focused on what God showed Him was on the other side.
 - Jesus weighed the joy against the pain, and there was no contest.
- What you have on the inside is what will keep you during your moments of pain and difficulty.
 - The sacrifices of this life don't compare to the glory that waits beyond.
 - If you hang in there, you will make it to the other side.
- The giant in front of you is never bigger than the God who lives in you.
- The issue wasn't about size. It was about covenant.
 - It was a spiritual issue.
 - It's not about the size of your problem, but the size of your faith.

1 Samuel 17:31 NKJV

- A hero is a person who is too afraid to run away.

1 Samuel 17:32 NKJV

- A teenager told the king that he would take care of it because he knew God would deliver.

1 Samuel 17:33 NKJV

- When someone says you can't, God will prophecy that you are about to.
 - The fact that you can't is the reason He chose you.
 - God will get the glory!

1 Samuel 17:34-35 NKJV

- David was proving his track record
- Experience trumps a theological notion every time.

1 Samuel 17:36 NKJV

- The battle isn't about David or Saul. It's about God.
- God hasn't lost before and He won't start losing, today.

1 Samuel 17:40 NKJV

- David was very out of place. He was a shepherd in the middle of an army.
- David had a quiet self-confidence.
 - He didn't need everyone to know that he would win the battle.
- A rock on a sling could travel over 100m/s. Faster than a bullet. They were very deadly.
- But against Goliath in his armor, David still seemed out of his class.
- You can laugh at me because I'm different, but I laugh at you because you're all the same.
 - You have to learn to be uniquely you.
 - You have a unique set of gifts that God has placed in you for a unique set of circumstances. He knew what you would face and what you would need.
- David was okay with being different.

1 Samuel 17:44 NKJV

- Goliath had been talking trash for 40 days and no one said anything.
- At first you may not have an answer.

1 Samuel 17:45 NKJV

- God already knows about our problems. We don't need to keep explaining it.
 - Mark 11:22-24 NKJV
 - Don't talk to God about your problems. Talk to your problems about your God.
- Convention was on Goliath's side.
- Your biggest weapon is when people underestimate you.
- Every person has a crack in them somewhere. Goliath's was a little spot on his forehead.
- Your problem isn't about you.
 - If you really believe the battle is the Lord's you will rest.
 - Back up and know that the Lord has got it.
 - Faith causes us to rest.

1 Samuel 17:46 NKJV

- Sometimes your knees might shake. But if you do everything you can, you will still stand.
- Spend enough time on your knees and you will end up on your feet.

1 Samuel 17:48 NKJV

- When Goliath approached David, David hurried to meet him.
 - David ran toward the battle.
 - God wants to put something in you so that you run toward your enemies.
- It's about more than just church. It's about God's living, breathing Word being on the inside of you and living through you.
 - David had the living Word.
 - When the Word becomes alive in your heart, it changes everything.

1 Samuel 17:49 NKJV

- Everybody saw a giant too big to be beat. David saw a giant too big to miss.
- If you try, you risk failure. If you don't try, you guarantee it.
- David was willing to run to the battle.
 - What giant are you running from?
- Every promise in God is yes and amen.
- Thousands of soldiers watched, but only one boy believed.
 - Will you dare to believe? Will you run toward your battle instead of from it?
- There is no hole too deep for God to get you out. And He will set you up twice as high as you were, before.
- There is no pain that hurts more than God can heal, bless, and give joy in its place.
- When people cause you pain, you should work on your reward.