

A young boy stands in a vast, hazy landscape, looking up at a massive, skeletal giant's hand reaching down from the sky. The scene is bathed in a golden, hazy light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The boy is small and silhouetted against the bright background. The giant's hand is enormous, with long, thin fingers and a textured, almost organic surface. The overall mood is one of awe and vulnerability.

WHEN YOU ARE FACING
GIANTS

Giants refer to
BIG, BIG Problems!!!!

GIANTS refer to problems,
mountains and obstacles
in our lives

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When You Are Facing Giants

- I. Giants are real
- II. God is greater
- III. Giants must be faced



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I. Giants are real



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Fear and anxiety	Hopelessness and despair	Spiritual oppression	Addictions and hidden struggles	Job insecurity
Endless delays and closed doors	Disappointments & discouragements	Uncertainty re the future	Fractured families	
Overwhelming responsibilities	Serious illness	Unresolved conflicts and strained relationships	A calling that feels too big	
Workplace pressure	Financial stress	Broken marriages	Debt	



I. **Giants are real**

Deuteronomy 9:1-2

1 "Hear, O **Israel**: You are to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess **nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven,** 2 a **people great and tall,** the **descendants of the Anakim,** whom you know, and of whom you heard it said, 'Who can stand before the **descendants of Anak?**'

- Giants are real
- Following God does not mean we pretend problems do not exist
- It means recognising they are real, but so is our God!



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I. Giants are real

1 Samuel 17:1-9

- the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle
- Saul and Israel were gathered together and drew up in battle array
- Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel on the other side
- Goliath from Philistines - giant - heavily armed

10 And the Philistine said, “I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.”



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In 1 Samuel 17, Israel Faced a Giant—Goliath!

- For **40 days**, Israel listened to **Goliath's voice**
- Goliath did not attack first - he **intimidated**
- He **taunted** the people of God
- He **set the terms of the battle** ^{his}
- He **magnified his own strength**
- He **belittled Israel's identity**

Before he even threw a spear,
Goliath had already won by sowing fear.



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1 Samuel 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were **dismayed and greatly afraid**.

Similar incident in Numbers 13-14

Numbers 13:33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.



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I. **Giants are real**

In 1 Samuel 17, Israel Faced a Giant—Goliath!

Israel was intimidated by Goliath ...

Until a shepherd boy stepped onto the battlefield

- Not trained for war
- Not invited to fight
- Not even respected by his own brothers.

But he carried a **greater weapon**,
which is **faith in the living God!**



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Biblical Principles to Conquer Giants

1. **A God-Centred Perspective**

- **Everyone** else **saw a giant:**
his height, his armour, his experience
- **David heard** the **same threats** but **reacted differently**
- Where others saw size and strength, David saw an offence against the honour of God

1 Samuel 17:26 Then David spoke to the men who stood by him ...

For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"



The Keys to David's Victory:

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1 Samuel 17:26 ... For who is this **uncircumcised Philistine**, that he should **defy the armies of the living God?**"

- Interpret your situation through Who God is and what He promised
- Not through the size of your problems
- Do not magnify the giant!

- Goliath is outside God's covenant (*Genesis 17*)
- Israel is under God's promise
- Church (*Romans 2:28-29; Colossians 2:11-12; Hebrews 8-9*)



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Similar Incident #1

Numbers 14:6-9

6 But **Joshua ... and Caleb ...**

7 ... **spoke** to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying:

...

8 If the **Lord** delights in us, then **He will bring us into this land and give it to us,** 9 **Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them."**



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Similar Incident #1

Numbers 14:6-9: Joshua and Caleb

- **FOCUS** on **God**, His **Word**, His **Promises**, His **Power**
- How did God slay the giants?
 - not by striking them down with lightning from heaven
 - He did it through the Israelites themselves
- Not faith in our power but **faith in God's power in us**



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Similar Incident #2 - 2 Kings 6

- King of Syria vs King of Israel
- Elisha gave words of knowledge re Syrian army to King of Israel
- King of Syria then sent horses, chariots & a great army after Elisha
- Elisha's servant saw **only** the enemy army surrounding the city. Panicked!
- Elisha **prayed** for the servant's **eyes to be opened**
- The servant **then saw** the "hills full of horses and chariots of fire"
- That is the **spiritual reality!**



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Proverbs 29:25 The **fear of man brings a snare**,
but **whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe**.



- Take captive every thought (*2 Corinthians 10:5*)
- Plug into the Father's love (*1 John 4:18; Romans 8:32*)
- Connect to Holy Spirit (*2 Timothy 1:7*)



1. A God-Centred Perspective

- Faith **reframes** the battle
- David doesn't deny Goliath's size. He **denies his authority.**

Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?**

Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?



1. A God-Centred Perspective

- See your Giant in **God's light**, not man's
- Israel saw Goliath, David saw **God**
- Goliath was huge, but to David, **God was infinitely larger**
- Make a course correction:
realign our focus from the giants in our lives to **☞ Hebrews12:2**

Isaiah 54:17 **No weapon formed against you shall prosper,**
and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn.
This is the **heritage of the servants of the Lord, ...**



1. A God-Centred Perspective

- Do **not** be like **King Asa** who became diseased in his feet ... yet he **did not seek the LORD but the physicians**

2Chronicles16:
12

- Do **not** be like the **leaders of Israel** who made a covenant with the **Gibeonites** but **did not ask counsel of the LORD**

Joshua9:14

- **Be like David** who **set the LORD always before him** and was **not easily shaken**

Psalms16:8; Romans8:5-6;
Isaiah26:3-4



The Keys to David's Victory:

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1 Samuel 17:34-35

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to **keep his father's sheep**, and when a **lion or a bear** came and took a lamb out of the flock, **35 I went out after it** and **struck it**, and **delivered** the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I **caught it** by its beard, and **struck and killed it**."



2. Proven Private Faith

Principle: Luke 16:10a He who is **faithful in what is least (little)** is faithful also in much ...

- **Public** breakthroughs are built on **private** faithfulness
- You don't suddenly learn to trust God in a crisis; you draw from your **past experiences with Him**

✓ Answered prayers

✓ Moments God came through

✓ Clear guidance along the way

✓ **Past** Victories

✓ Times you sensed His closeness

✓ Divine moments



2. Proven Private Faith

1 Samuel 17:38-39

38 So Saul clothed David with his armour ... 39 David fastened his sword to his armour and **tried to walk**, for he had **not tested them**. **And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them."** So David took them off.

- The temptation to **fight someone else's way**
- Victory doesn't come from **imitation**, but from **personal obedience**
- Use whatever **gifts God gave you**



2. Proven Private Faith

God prepares giant-slayers in private

Psalm 78:72

72 So he shepherded them according to the **integrity of his heart**, and guided them by the **skillfulness of his hands**.



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Similar example in **Joseph** - Genesis 39-41

- His faith and character were first tested in the **pit**
- Then in **Potiphar's house**
- Followed by in **prison**
- Before he was elevated to **Pharaoh's court** to save nations!
- **Private** faithfulness precedes **public** victory!



2. Proven Private Faith

- Hebrews describe **people of faith**
- Faith is like a muscle **exercised mostly** in the **routine** of our lives

Hebrews 11:34 **quenched** the fury of the flames, and **escaped** the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to **strength**; and who became **powerful** in battle and **routed** foreign armies.

Revelation 3:18- +gold refined in
fire
1Peter 1:6-7=rich



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- Some people do **not** matter like David's brothers

1 Samuel 17:28-29

28 Now **Eliab his oldest brother** heard when he spoke to the men; and **Eliab's anger** was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." **29** And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?"



3. The Right People Matter

- Some people do **not** matter like David's father
- His **father** did **not** even include him when Samuel the prophet came to anoint the next king of Israel

1 Samuel 16:11 So he asked Jesse, "**Are these all the sons you have?**" "**There is still the youngest (David),**" Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."



3. The Right People Matter

- Some people matter like **Jonathan**

1 Samuel 20:17 Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.



3. The Right People Matter

May be from our blood family; spiritual family, divine connect

Proverbs 18:24b

But there is a **friend** who sticks **closer than a brother**.

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2 Samuel 15

v12: **Ahithopel** - David's counsellor - later **betrayed** David

Bathsheba was Ahithopel's granddaughter-2 Sam23:34;
11:3

v37: **Hushai** - David's friend - remained **faithful**



3. The Right People Matter

- Found in **inner circle** of relationships we **build**
(time, effort, intentionality)

Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no counsel, the people fall;
but in the **multitude of counsellors there is safety.**

Proverbs24:6b



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- Spirit of Faith—declaration before striking

1 Samuel 17:36-37: David to Saul

36 Your servant has **killed both lion and bear**; and **this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them**, seeing he has defied the armies **of the living God.**" 37 Moreover 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 the Lord be with you!"



4. Faith speaks first—action follows through

1 Samuel 17:45-47 David to Goliath

45 Then **David said to the Philistine**, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with 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 defied.

46 This day **the Lord will deliver you into my hand**, and I will **strike** you and **take your head** from you ... that **all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel**. 47 Then **all this assembly shall know that the Lord** does not save with sword and spear; for **the battle is the Lord’s**, and **He will give you into our hands.”**



4. Faith speaks first—action follows through

Similar example in **Jehoshaphat when surrounded by vast enemies**

2 Chronicles 20:15 And he **said**, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King **Jehoshaphat!** **Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed** because of this great multitude, for **the battle is not yours, but God’s.**”



4. Faith speaks first—action follows through

Similar example in **Joshua—Israelites in conquering Jericho**

Joshua 6:20 So the people **shouted** when the priests **blew the trumpets**. And it happened when the people heard the **sound of the trumpet**, and the people **shouted** with a **great shout**, that **the wall fell down flat**. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and **they took the city**.

Jericho fell because Israel **shouted in obedience** to God's instruction!



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2 Corinthians 4:13 And since we have the same **spirit of faith**, according to what is written, "**I believed and therefore I spoke,**" we also believe and therefore speak.

Principle: Faith **speaks** before it **sees**

Hebrews 11:1 Now **faith is the substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things **not seen**.

Hebrews11:
6



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- The fall of Goliath: God uses an ordinary shepherd boy
- The battle belongs to the Lord

1 Samuel 17:49-50

49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out **a stone**; and he **slung** it and **struck** the Philistine in his forehead, so that **the stone sank into his forehead**, and **he fell** on his face to the earth.

50 So **David prevailed over the Philistine** with **a sling** and **a stone**, and **struck** the Philistine and **killed** him ...



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Principle:

God fights for all who **call** and are **surrendered** to Him

In the **Scriptures we looked at**, Giants represent:

- whatever that stands in the way of **God's people** fulfilling their God-given **destiny**
(Israel and the Promised Land)
- whatever challenges **God's People** and attack their **covenant rights and identity** *(David and Goliath)*



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In the **broader scope of Scriptures**, “giants” represent:

- the **fallenness** of a world where sin has corrupted people and systems (*Romans 3:23; John 16:33*)

And the storms of life are real:

- Financial collapse
- Health crisis
- Betrayal
- Loss

These are not a drizzle, but storms that shake foundations and threaten to drown us

Matthew 7:2

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So when you are facing giants ...

- **Call on Him:** plead for mercy and seek the grace we need
(Hebrews 4:16)
- **Trust His wisdom:** God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours
(Isaiah 55:9)
- **Accept His leading:** He may work in ways we don't expect
- **Rest in His sovereignty:** The battle belongs to the Lord
(Romans 8:28; Proverbs 3:5-6)



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1 Corinthians 1:27 But God has chosen the **(seemingly) foolish things** of the world to put **to shame the wise**, and God has chosen the **weak things** of the world to put **to shame the things which are mighty**.

- **Judges 7** Gideon's army weapons = trumpets, jars and torches
- **1 Samuel 17** - David's sling and 5 stones

Plus obedience and faith in the Living God!



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An anti-drug spokesperson today, Francis How takes every opportunity to teach his children right from wrong through daily life encounters. All photos courtesy of Francis How.

- In gangs and drugs since 12 years old
- Fights - even took out an eye of a gangster
- Extortion, gambling, drug trafficking, housebreaking, theft, robbery
- 10 years and nine months in jail over four separate sentences from 18 to 32 punished with six strokes of the cane
- Found and read a devo guide of cell mate
- Prayed to receive Christ
- Life gradually changed
- Got hold of Bible and started reading
- Out of prison - another fight broke his hand
- Cried out to God for a job
- Shipyard - dirty and oily
- Founded own company after that



BOTTOM LINE: What giant is standing in your way?

There was a **remnant of the giants:**

Og king of Bashan standing in the way of Israel entering the Promised Land

Deuteronomy 3:11 “For only Og king of Bashan **remained of the remnant of the giants**. Indeed his bedstead was an **iron bedstead** ... Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit. **(13-14 feet long and 6-7 feet wide)**

Goliath-6 cubits-over9feet-1Samuel17:4
4 other giants-2Samuel21:15-22+1Chronicles20:4-

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- Same God who parted the Red Sea and dropped Jericho walls
- Not asking us to be strong enough but to trust enough
- Not asking us to fight harder, but to trust deeper
- Not set our heart on the size of the storm, but on the Strength of the Saviour
- To lift our eyes not to the giant, but to the God who reigns above the giants
- Walk forward not because we are fearless, but because we know Who walks besides us and proclaim Him always!

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1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory** through our **Lord Jesus Christ**.

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