

# Goliath *Must* Fall

Winning the Battle Against Your Giants

## Schizophrenic Faith

### How does the fear giant fall?

We must keep our focus on Jesus. This will build our FAITH and faith is the antidote to FEAR.

### Three Reasons Fear Evidences Itself in Our Lives..

- 1) Fear comes from CONDITIONING.
- 2) Fear comes from CONCEALING.
- 3) Fear comes from CONTROLLING.

### Your Persistent Giant..

**1 Samuel 17:4 (NIV)** *A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.*

- The word champion means that Goliath had a history. A lot of us have history with our giants!

**1 Samuel 17:11, 16 (NIV)** *"On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified..."<sup>16</sup> For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.*

- Giants are relentless. They don't take days off.

**1 Samuel 17:20-24 (NIV)** *<sup>20</sup>Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry.<sup>21</sup> Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other.<sup>22</sup> David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were.<sup>23</sup> As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it.<sup>24</sup> Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear.*

- A righteous army was immobilized by the taunts of the enemy.

### The Stuff of Faith..

- 1) We remind ourselves that God is ABLE.
- 2) We set the Lord ALWAYS before us.

**Psalm 16:8-9 (ESV)** *<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.*

**Galatians 2:20 (NIV)** *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me..*

- 3) We NAME what's keeping us up at night.
- 4) We FILL our mouths with PRAISE.

### Additional Notes..

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### scriptures that relate

Monday: 1 Samuel 17	Wednesday: Romans 10	Friday: Galatians 1
Tuesday: Romans 9	Thursday: Psalm 16	Saturday: Galatians 2

### small groups—talk it over

1. What annoying fears flare up on you?
2. Which is more of a fear problem: conditioning, concealing, or controlling?
3. How has your giant been relentless?
4. How can you up your game when it comes to consistent faith?
5. Take a moment to praise God for something He has done recently.

### missions prayer requests

**Monday:** Pray that more people give their lives to Christ.

**Tuesday:** Pray that the Gospel continues to be proclaimed to unbelievers.

**Wednesday:** Pray that missions continues to grow outside the community.

**Thursday:** Pray that our missions team continues to add servant-minded people.

**Friday:** Pray for spiritual growth in our church.

**Saturday:** Pray for wisdom and guidance for the leadership in our church.