

# Goliath *Must* Fall

Winning the Battle Against Your Giants

## Giants Have Fallen

The heart and soul of this series is that in our story: We are not DAVID. Jesus is David and He fights the Giants that get in our way with His STRENGTH and power.

### Key Thoughts:

1. Fix your EYES on the size and the capability of your God, not on how big or nasty your GIANT is.

**1 Samuel 17:8-11 (NIV)** Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me.<sup>8</sup> If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us."<sup>9</sup> Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other."<sup>10</sup> On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

2. The VICTORY is already won. Your giant is already DEAD.

**1 Samuel 17:34-37 (NIV)** But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,<sup>34</sup> I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it."<sup>35</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.<sup>37</sup> The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

**Mark 14:22-25 (NIV)** While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."<sup>22</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.<sup>24</sup> "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.<sup>25</sup> "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

3. David's motivation in this battle is the FAME and GLORY of God.

**1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NIV)** David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.<sup>45</sup> This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel."<sup>47</sup> All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

We are ABLE to see giants fall because God is ABLE.

### Additional Notes...

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### scriptures that relate

Monday: 1 Samuel 16	Wednesday: Mark 14:1-11	Friday: Mark 14:43-65
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 17	Thursday: Mark 14:12-42	Saturday: Mark 14:66-72

### small groups—talk it over

1. What do you have to celebrate in the last 40 days?
2. How does the David and Goliath story speak to you?
3. How do you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus?
4. Why is communion an important part of your relationship with Jesus?
5. Share a praise starting with *I'm thankful that God..*

### pastor lesley's prayer requests

**Monday:** Pray for the students who got baptized that they will continue to love God.

**Tuesday:** Pray for the students who are struggling to find a place of belonging.

**Wednesday:** Pray for parents as they raise their children with the love of God.

**Thursday:** Pray for all Children's Ministry volunteers who sacrificially give of their time and energy.

**Friday:** Pray for the staff as they work together to reach into the community.

**Saturday:** Pray for the new families who have recently begun to attend our church.