

Facing Greater Giants than Goliath – Part 1 **2 Samuel 21:15-22:51**

Introduction:

1. If I were to ask you the name of the giant that David killed, what would you say? You would most likely say, “Goliath.”
2. Many people do not realize that David and his men killed four more giants after Goliath. They are all listed right here in 2 Samuel 21:15-22.
3. But these four did not go down as easily for David as Goliath did. He needed some help (21:16-17), because he was faint (21:15). Let’s read about these other giants. 21:18-22
4. If you would, allow me to make application from our text to our personal lives.
5. How many of you are saved - you have trusted Christ? In order to get saved, you had to overcome a huge giant - a “Goliath-like” giant. The giant of sin had you in bondage, and eternal death had you in its grip. You were dead in trespasses and sins.
6. But the moment you simply received Christ - the moment you trusted Him as your Savior - that giant went down immediately. The blood of Christ was applied to your heart, the life of God was breathed into your spirit, the bonds were loosed, and you were set free from the giant of sin and death. That giant went down instantly.
 - I will never forget how I felt the night I got saved. I literally felt like I had defeated an overwhelming giant, and I knew it was through Christ that I had defeated it.
7. But as wonderful as that was, my salvation did not mean that there wouldn’t be more giants to face and overcome. In fact, the giants that come along **after** you get saved are tougher to knock down than that first giant you faced when you got saved.
 - I had a much easier time getting saved than I have had trying to live unto Him after salvation. When I got saved, all I had to do was simply trust Christ completely. He had already done all the work. It was a one-time event. I trusted Him and overcame the giant of sin and death, and it was settled in heaven.
8. The way we received that initial victory is the same way we overcome giants after we are saved (Colossians 2:6), but it is a daily battle.
 - After salvation you may face the giants of marital problems, family problems, hurt feelings by another believer, besetting and addictive sins and habits, spiritual disappointments, discouragement, depression, etc.
 - Problems are a reality for every believer, and they are woven into the fabric of everyday life.
9. What do we do with these giants? After David and his men defeated these four giants (21:22), David testified in song as to how it happened, and how they destroyed these giants. ch. 22

10. 2 Samuel 22 is actually a very prophetic passage, as David is a picture of the believing flock of Israel in the last days. But I would like to make application to our personal lives today. How did David overcome these “other” giants?

First, David’s complete trust was in the Lord. vs. 1-3

1. Notice David’s attitude in vs. 2-3. “*In him will I trust.*”
 - This word “*trust*” means “to flee for protection.”
 - **Illustration:** In Missouri, when the tornado alarm went off, we’d flee into the basement for protection. We trusted in the basement.
2. David says, “God is my rock, my fortress, my high tower, my refuge. When giants come along I flee to God for protection. I am trusting in Him!”
3. If we are to overcome giants, this thing of trust is of utmost importance. Where you flee for protection will determine whether you destroy the giant or are destroyed by the giant.
4. As we said earlier, when you got saved you trusted Christ completely. It is no different after we are saved. We must trust Christ, and Him alone, if we are to overcome giants.
5. Your trust cannot be:

In yourself

- If I start thinking that I can handle these giants on my own, I’m in for a rude awakening. David’s trust was not in himself.
- 2 Corinthians 1:9-10 – All believers go through problems, but why? Imagine if we lived a problem-free life. We would be full of pride and full of ourselves. Problems have a way of teaching us to not trust in ourselves, but in the One who can raise the dead. Proverbs 28:26; Proverbs 3:5
- **Illustration:** One time, a believer said to me, “For years I was trying to be a good Christian. Now I am letting Christ live through me.”

In friends or family (people)

- When a giant comes stalking you, what is your initial reaction? Where do you flee? However you answer that question, **that** is where your trust is.
- God can use people to help us overcome giants, but God desires to see that your trust is in Him. God wants to be the first one you flee to. Psalm 118:8-9; Jeremiah 17:5, 7-8

In circumstances – Proverbs 20:7, 44:5-7; 1 Timothy 6:17

6. Where is your trust? If we are going to overcome giants, our trust must be in the Lord. He is the One we must flee to. God takes special notice of those who trust Him. Nahum 1:7