

Facing Greater Giants than Goliath – Part 2 **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 in 2 Samuel 21:15-22.
3. 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

Second, David’s trust led him to humble himself in prayer. vs. 4-7

1. Let’s read verses 4-7. David’s trust led him to his knees.
2. This is only natural. When you are in trouble and facing a giant, you call upon the person or thing that is your trust. **Illustration:** When I would wrestle with my boys, if they got hurt, do you know who they called upon? Mama! They trusted her.
3. Do you remember when you got saved? You realized that your only hope was Jesus Christ and that you had to trust Him to save you. Your trust led you to your knees and you called upon Him to save you. Romans 10:12-13
4. The same should be true **after** salvation. There is no need for the believer to have fingernails and coffee for breakfast. Worry does not change a thing, and worry accomplishes nothing at all. But prayer does!
5. When the giants of waves, floods, sorrows, and snares surrounded David (vs. 5-6), what did he do? He called upon the Lord and “*He did hear...*” vs. 7
 - **Illustration:** My older brother Steve and I would fight, and he would get me down on the floor and torture me. I would scream to my mom, and she would always deliver me. But there were times when she wasn’t home. What a helpless feeling! I cried out... but no answer.
6. Aren’t you thankful that God is always there and He hears us? Romans 8:26-27
7. David knew that if he was to overcome these giants, his trust in God must lead him to his knees. Psalm 55:16-18
8. As we become men and women of prayer and seek God fervently, no longer do we fear these giants in our lives. No longer do they bring worry and fear into our hearts, but God gives us a peace beyond comprehension. Philippians 4:6-7; Psalm 118:5-14
9. Today, our enemy that we are fighting is not a nation, and it isn’t physical warfare (like for David). Yet, we **do** face giants every day. How do we overcome them?
10. We must trust in the armor of God, pray to our God, and seek His face. There is simply no other way to overcome giants in our lives. Ephesians 6:11-18

- I believe this thing of prayer is such a neglected necessity in the Christian life. We want shortcuts in overcoming giants, but there are none. Victory comes from seeking our God in prayer. Giants, problems, and conflict have a way of revealing if we truly have a walk with the Lord, or if we simply have an outward cloak of Christian activity.
- After we get saved, we have a desire to serve God and “get busy” for Him. We learn how to talk like a Christian, act like a Christian, and serve like a Christian. But do we ever really learn how to walk with Jesus daily and develop an intimate relationship with Him?
- You can survive for a while this way, but when the giants of problems, conflict, and hurt feelings come into our lives, they have a way of revealing the inner emptiness.