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“Defeating the Giants in Your Life”

1. The **size** of the cause will always determine the **risk...and define** the risk taker.
2. **History** may-or may not-write about our legacy, but **eternity** will never forget.

“King Saul and the Israelites drew up to the battle lines to meet the Philistines. A champion named Goliath came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. Goliath said, ‘This day I defy the ranks of Israel. Give me a man and let us fight each other.’ When the Israelites saw Goliath they ran from him in great fear.” 1 Samuel 17:1-4 (Paraphrase)

*Verse 32 - “David says to King Saul, ‘Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine. Your servant will go and fight him.’ Saul said, ‘You’re but a boy.’ David said, ‘The Lord will deliver me from his hand.’ **Running** down toward the battlefield, David pulls out a slingshot from one pocket and picks up five rocks and sticks them in the other pocket and he approaches Goliath. And Goliath said, ‘Am I a dog that you come at me with sticks like insignificant weapons?’ He cursed David by his pagan gods. ‘Come here and I’ll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field.’ David said, ‘You come against me with sword and spear and javelin.”*

Verse 45 - “But I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty. This day the Lord will hand you over to me and the whole world will know there is a God in Israel.’ As Goliath moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. David slung a stone and struck the Philistine on the forehead. It sank into his forehead and he fell face down on the ground. So David triumphed over Goliath with a sling and a stone.”

I. Three characteristics of giant killers:

A. Giant killers live with the perspective of **preparation**.

1. We must be faithful in the **lonely** places and in the **little** things.
2. Who you are is measured by what you **do** when no one but **God** is looking.

B. Giant killers **see** what can **be**, not what **is**.

1. NOT “**How** big is Goliath to **man**, but how big is this giant to **God**?”
2. J. L. Sanders wrote, “Eyes that **look** are common. Eyes that **see** are rare.”

My giant is _____?

“BUT MY GOD IS BIGGER!”

C. Giant killers give **credit** where credit is due.

1. We would call this the character quality of **humility**.

“David said I’ll tell you why I’ll fight Goliath. I’ll tell you why I’ll stand alone if necessary. I’ll tell you why I’ll risk my life to be faithful to the Lord. Today the world will know that there is a God in Israel.” 1 Samuel 17:46