

How to Develop A Believing Heart!

Matters of the Heart Pt. 6

1 Samuel 17

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2 Timothy 1:12, *That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.*

2 Chronicles 16:9, *For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.*

1 Samuel 17:45, *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. 46 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. 47 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.” 48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.*

Three Truths About Giant Problems:

1. Giants Are a UNIVERSAL PROBLEM

1 Samuel 17:3, *The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.*

2. Giants Are ENORMOUS

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

3. Giants Can Cause Fear in EVERYONE

1 Samuel 17:11, *On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.*

When Facing Your Giants...

1. Others Will DOUBT YOU

1 Samuel 17:28, *When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.”*

1 Samuel 17:32, *David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.” 33 Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”*

2. You Can’t Fight in Someone Else’s ARMOR

1 Samuel 17:38, *Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. “I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off.*

1 Samuel 17:50, So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

3. Your Victory Will Encourage OTHERS

1 Samuel 17:32, David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

1 Samuel 17:51, David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine’s sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. **52** Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines...