

FACING OUR GIANTS

I SAMUEL 17

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Fear affects us all. Some of us are afraid of public speaking, snakes, clowns or even crowds.
- B. To say that the last few days have caused a lot of uncertainty would be an understatement.
- C. Right now, many of us are living with fear, anxiety and worry due to the giants we are facing.

ISRAEL FACED A GREAT GIANT

- A. Goliath of Gath was over 9 feet tall and challenged Israel to a fight every morning and evening for 40 days (I Sam. 17:4-16).
- B. Saul and all of Israel were afraid of Goliath (I Sam. 17:11, 24).
- C. David told Saul not to worry because he would go and fight against Israel's giant (I Sam. 17:32).

WAYS TO FACE OUR FEARS

- A. Remember God's past goodness (I Sam. 17:34-37).
 - 1. Some of us struggle with spiritual amnesia. We are quick to forget all the times God has been good to us and answered our prayers by taking care of us.
 - 2. Psa. 9:1; Jos. 4:1-3; 21-22
- B. Focus on God and not our giants (I Sam. 17:41-46).
 - 1. David didn't spend his time thinking about Goliath, he thought about God (I Sam. 17:45-46).
 - 2. David ran toward the giant and not away from him (I Sam. 17:48).
- C. Recognize others are watching to see how we respond to the giants we face (I Sam. 17:46b-47).
 - 1. When we face times of uncertainty and fear, that's an opportunity for us to shine our lights for God's glory.
 - 2. What a time for us to help bless and minister to others who are feeling fearful and uncertain.

CONCLUSION:

- A. David demonstrated his faith and certainty of God (Psa. 27:1-3).
- B. Jesus told His disciples not to be troubled or afraid (Jn. 14:27).
- C. May you and I have the faith of David when we are faced with our own giants.