

Killing Giants

Embracing Our Weakness (Week 1)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Giants fall when we rethink success, give glory to God, and embrace weakness as an opportunity for Jesus' divine strength.

Key Scriptures

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand." When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead.... So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. 1 Samuel 17:45-50 ESV

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. "Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 ESV

Start talking

- What giants have you faced recently? How did you face it?
- When have you experienced God's strength in your weakness?

Start thinking

- Read 1 Samuel 17:45-50 What can we learn from David about facing the giants of insignificance and feeling small?
- Read 1 Cor 12:7-10: Is it possible to experience God's strength without recognizing our weaknesses?

Start sharing

- 1 Cor 12:7-10 Paul says he "will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." Have you ever boasted in your weaknesses?
- What areas of your life are weaknesses that Jesus wants you to rethink as avenues for His success?

Start doing

What does it look like to kill giants as we embrace our weakness as the path to revealing God's divine power?

- Rethink success
- Give glory to God