

MESSAGE NOTES

VALLEY OF VISION

Part 4: Giant Slaying

1 Samuel 17:32 – 58

August 4/5, 2018

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My giant is _____.

5 principles that helped David face his giant and will help me face my giant:

1. Evaluate my motives
2. Overcome criticism
3. Trust grows in the unseen, daily experiences.
4. Every giant tries to intimidate.
5. The battle is the Lord's.

If trusting God is important, how am I growing my trust?

Trust Assessment

5 behaviors of someone not trusting God:

1. Run away from everything fearful.
2. Avoid adversity at all cost.
3. Focus on my security more than my character.
4. Become jealous of other's success.
5. Criticize others.

5 behaviors of someone trusting God:

1. Motivation is God-focused.
2. Overcome criticism.
3. Trust God in the unseen, daily experiences.
4. Recognize the intimidating voice of our enemy.
5. Remember the battle is the Lord's.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. As we studied the story of David and Goliath and the trust David displayed, did anything stand out to you?
2. When have you seen someone demonstrate great faith despite his or her circumstances?
3. Pastor Mark identified five principles that David used to face his giant. The first one was “evaluating our motive.” Despite Saul’s reward David seemed motivated by something greater. What are some practical ways people can evaluate their motives?
4. Have you ever known anyone who got bogged down by someone else’s criticism? Like David, how can people “turn away” from the critical voices in their life?
5. David trusted God in the unseen, daily experiences of tending sheep, which included killing a lion and a bear. What are some ways people can trust God in the unseen, daily experiences?
6. David recognized Goliath as an intimidating giant immediately. Do you know the giant in your life right now? If so, how is it intimidating you?
7. Ultimately, the battle is the Lords. How does it encourage you to know that the giant in your life isn’t battling you but is battling your God?
8. In what area of your life is God currently calling you to trust him? What is one thing you can do this week to trust him? What can this group do to support you?