



## DEFEATING THE GIANTS IN YOUR LIFE

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### A KEY SCRIPTURE

**1 Samuel 17:1-51**

#### How to be a Giant Killer:

#### \*\*\*KEY POINTS\*\*\*

1. You need to “recognize that we all have giants in our life.”

#### Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you to be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

2. Identify what the giant is that you’re facing.

Fear	Depression	Anxiety	Anger
Failure	Loneliness	Loss	Unbelief
Financial	Relationships	Mental Health	Many Others

3. You need to face your giant.

#### 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

#### STRENGTH IS FOUND IN WEAKNESS

My grace is sufficient for you. For my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why for Christ’s sake, I delight in weakness and insults and hardships and persecutions and difficulties for when I am weak, I am strong.

#### Isaiah 41:1

#### I AM WITH YOU

So do not fear for I am with you. Do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

#### Matthew 19:26

#### ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible but with God all things are possible.”

#### Philippians 4:13

#### NOT ON MY OWN STRENGTH BUT THROUGH CHRIST

I can do all things through Him that strengthens me.

4. Remember the victories of your past.

#### 1 Samuel 17:37

#### THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear would deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.

**5. Spend time in prayer.**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

**ASK FOR HIS HELP**

Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Ephesians 6:18**

**NOTHING IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL TO DISCUSS WITH THE LORD**

And pray in the spirit in all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

**6. Allow God to help you defeat your giant.**

**Romans 8:31-32**

**MORE THAN CONQUERORS**

What then shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own son but gave him up for us all. How will he not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things.

**Matthew 28:18**

**ALL AUTHORITY (Jesus is Lord)**

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me."

**Ephesians 3:20**

**HIS POWER AT WORK WITHIN US**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

**Malachi 3:6**

**HE DOES NOT CHANGE**

"I, the Lord, do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob are not destroyed."

**7. Have the proper motives to see your giant defeated.**

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

**A DESIRE FOR GOD'S GLORY**

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

**A DESIRE FOR GOD'S PLAN TO BE FULFILLED IN YOUR LIFE**

**Romans 8:28** – And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

**2 Corinthians 4:17-18** – For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

**James 1:2-4** – Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

**8. Use what God has given you.**

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

**SPIRITUAL TOOLS**

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

**USE THE PEOPLE GOD HAS PLACED IN YOUR LIFE**

**Philippians 2:4** – Do not look out only for your own interests but take an interest in others too.

**2 Corinthians 1:4** – He comforts us in our troubles so that we can comfort others when they are troubled. We will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

**Galatians 6:1-3** – Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

**9. Attack your giant.**

**Colossians 3:5**

**PUT IT TO DEATH**

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry.

**Romans 8:13**

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

**10. Give God the Praise and the Glory for Helping Defeat Your Giant!**

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