

Series: You Asked For It!

Title: Overcoming Giants

Text: 1 Sam 17

Pastor Mix, How do I deal with the problems I and facing.

We all have problems:

You will have problems in life, Jesus Said so!

(Jn 16:33) “*thou shalt have tribulation*”

It's not a sin to have problems.

Not dealing with your problems God's way leads to sin. (Prov 14:12)

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

Why was the children of Israel having to fight the Philistines?

The elders didn't finish the job Joshua started. (Judges 1:28-2:1-4)

The time to deal with the problem is before it starts.

(Life Preparation/Life Decisions) Prov 3: 1-10

When a problem arises, deal with it immediately.

Ecc 11:4, Prov 22:13 *A lion w/o*

Goliath was a Huge Problem: (Vs 4-7)

This Goliath was not your usual soldier: Not even your usual big soldier.

9' 9"; Heavily Armed, He was a Heavy Weight! *Illus a Cubit.*

His body armor on his chest and stomach that weighed 110 pounds.

I assume that it didn't even slow him down to wear it.

The head of the spear was as heavy as a shot put ball.

Illus: If I had been David, I would have decided that I had all the excitement that I needed and would exit back to my sheep.

(Even the occasional lion and bear would be better than this.)

Problems won't be Ignored: (vs. 8-11,16)

They will continue to come up & make themselves known. (Num 32:23)

You can't hide it, you are only fooling yourself. (Is 59:12)

Goliath was not going to take his toys and go home with out some Israeli blood. Goliath was going to have to be dealt with.

Don't Ignore your problems, do something about them.

God will shorten your life. (Ps 89:45)

God will judge you. (Eccl 11:9) *Pay day Someday, The Bill is Coming!*

David wasn't looking for a problem: *Still he found one.*

David was just obeying his father. (Vs. 17-22)

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I. Be Obedient in the Ordinary Things: (Vs 15)

David's life was far from exciting at this point.

He awoke to the same old boring thing--sheep.

Boy his life was dull - The same thing every day.

Lead the sheep to grass, then to water, then to grass, and then to the pen.

And then get up and do the same thing the next day.

And the sheep he had were not just slow, they were dumb. Real dumb.

There had been times of excitement in the past.

He remembered the day that the lion attacked the sheep and the time the bear came at the flock. Now that was excitement!

Everybody dreams of a life of Glamour and Fame.

Excitement and Victory.

For most of us, that's not how it turns out.

The Christian Life is a Life of Routine:

Read, Pray, Church, Tithe, Witness, (Repeat)

When facing a Problem: Be Faithful/Obedient in the Everyday,

Ordinary Things - It Builds Discipline

There is nothing Glamorous about it, but Its in the daily things we get

blessed. (1 Jn 3:22)

II. Be Totally Honest with yourself & God – Authenticity

Your problems, are your problems.
You are going to have to face them.
You are the RIGHT Person for this job

Illus: The right guy for this job was Saul.

*Head and shoulders above everyone else.
He was the King/Leader. He is the Anointed Leader.
This was't his first battle.
He was hanging back, trying to scheme himself a solution.*

You may fool me, but you are not fooling God.

Illus: If you are in the RIGHT, God is your Defense.

*If you are in the WRONG, you Don't have a Defense.
If you are sin, Get honest with God & REPENT.*

III. You need to Super Size your View of God – (Vs 23-25)

(Mal 3:6) You serve the Same God as Moses: Split the Red Sea

You serve the Same God as Peter: Preached on Pentecost.

Gal 2:8 He is the same God that Peter served!

He still the All Powerful, All Knowing, Ever Present God:

James 1:17, No Varying

Have Faith: (Heb 11:6) Don't Run from your problems.

(1 Cor 10:13) You are not the only person who has faced this.

(Deut 31:6,8) You are not facing this problem alone.

Vs 26, 29 *Is There Not a Cause! God's Reputation is at stake!*

Vs 28 Don't be discouraged if your friends and family don't know how or don't want to help you.

They have no concept of what it is like to be you!

God wants to work in your life now!

(Phil 1:6) *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

Super Size your View of God

IV. Trust your Past Experience with God:

Take Courage from Past Victories: (Vs 33-37)

You can't always fix them just like someone else would: Vs. 38-40

Trust that You and God are going to go through this for a Reason.

(Rom 8:28-29) *The reason you are facing it, is because God wants you to deal with it!*

You are the RIGHT Person for this job.

(Vs 41-46) 3000 year old Trash Talk.

Don't be afraid the devil's threats.

He is just trying to get into your head!

(Eph 6:16) *Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

Don't be afraid! You can conquer it! (Vs 49-50)

Illus: YOU + GOD = is a MAJORITY

(Ps 108:13) *Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.*

Illus: A faith that cannot be tested is a faith that cannot be trusted.

(Phil 4:13) *I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.*

This is not too big for God:

(Matt 19:26) *With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*

Between Vs 47 & 48 Goliath said something about David's Momma cause David charged the Mound!

Don't run from it, meet it head on! Vs 48

Don't run to your friends: Misery loves company, not solutions.

Don't gripe, Don't give up:

Use your weapons. Vs 49, Eph 6:17, He 4:12

Prayer, Fasting, Bible Memory (Ps 119:9,11)

God will use this as a witness to someone else! (Vs 47)

Trust your Past Experience with God

V. When you deal with it, finish the Job! (1 Sam 17:50-51)

Illus: David cut his head off!

Don't expect your problems to just lie down and give up!

Cut the Head Off:

Starve appetites. (Prov 23:2) *And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.*

Dump your liquor. Alcoholics can't play with liquor!

By the patches & pitch the tobacco.

Shut off the Internet.

Switch to a Track Phone.

Go to a marriage Retreat

Take your kids to counseling.

Do what ever it takes to win

Make the decision to never allow it to return.

Don't think you can keep it tied up so you can play with it later.

Break off sinful relationships: (Prov 13:20) *He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*

Illus: Stay away from Gossips, Drunks, Dopers

Illus: Choose your kids' friends.

Illus: Pull a Rebel in close, don't push them away.

Pull them from school and home school if necessary.

Relocate.

Don't wait till your problems get huge! (Song 2:15)-*Little foxes...*

Illus: The easiest time to kill Goliath was when he was a small child.

Many of the habits you develop today extend into adulthood. Ps 25:7

Pay the Price Now!

When you deal with it, finish the Job!

Your Courage will encourage others! Vs 52

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