

SERIES: CHALLENGES

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, August 20-21, 2022

SERMON: The Challenge of Facing Your Giants

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 17:31-47 NIV

[32] David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

[33] Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

[34] But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,

[35] I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

[36] Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

[37] The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

[38] Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head.

[39] David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off.

[40] Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

[41] Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David.

[42] He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him.

[43] He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

[44] "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

[45] David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

[46] This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

[47] All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

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1. Accept the _____.

- Life will be _____ with giants.
- **Job 14:1** *Mortals, born of woman, are of few days and full of trouble.*
- At first, _____ look 9'6" tall!

2. Do what you _____.

- _____ and get started.
 - Take _____ steps.
 - Don't _____ to "naysayers".
 - Little _____ produce large results
 - _____ as necessary

3. Invite _____.

- Nothing is _____ or _____ for God.
- Anything you try to _____ will be big; anything you _____ to God will be small.

4. Let God _____.

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*
- You don't know what you have!
 - The _____ of God.
 - The _____ that raised Jesus.
 - The God who _____.
 - **John 14:13-14** *And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

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Beginning last Wednesday night, I asked those participating in our Wednesday evening Bible study (from The Book of Joshua) to pray specifically and fervently for a fruitful harvest last weekend and for the weeks to come.

We asked God according to His will, and He blessed His church. At the 11 o'clock service last week we had five pastors receiving people and all five had one or more individuals/families to pray with, some of these making professions of faith and wishing to be baptized.

At the same time, last Wednesday night we had a record number of children in attendance for BLAST. This last Sunday we had a record Bible study attendance for Kindergarten-sixth graders. Tuesday night, we had a record number of people in the large group segment of Celebrate Recovery.

I write all this simply to thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and for your desire to see people of all ages saved.

May I ask you to do two things?

First, please continue to pray fervently for a fruitful harvest, a harvest of souls. Jesus told us that whatever we ask in His name He will do. We can go fervently to the Lord asking for the salvation of our friends and loved ones, confidently knowing that God hears our prayers.

Second, would you join with me in inviting and encouraging people to read scripture, pray, and attend worship and Bible study groups? When we do these things we will see God at work in our own lives.

We live in very difficult times, but we serve a very great God. Let us tell the people around us what He has done.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Barin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.