



FACING GIANTS IN YOUR LIFE AND WORK

Vocational Health

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I. We have two “callings” on our life

- **First Calling:** To know SOMEONE – God through Jesus Christ
- **Second Calling:** To do SOMETHING – A dream of what God could do with your life

II. Lessons from David facing Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-52

III. The other ‘Giants’ David had to face

1. **DELAY:** David was HELD BACK by CIRCUMSTANCES and FAMILY
1 Samuel 17:12-15
2. **DISCOURAGEMENT:** David faced an ENVIRONMENT of FEAR
1 Samuel 17:11 & 24

3. **DISAPPROVAL:** David faced REJECTION by FAMILY and FRIENDS

1 Samuel 17:26-28

4. **DOUBT:** NO ONE BELIEVED in David

1 Samuel 17:32-33

HOW TO DEFEAT GIANTS

1. I REMEMBER how God helped me IN THE PAST so I have FAITH for the FUTURE

1 Samuel 17:34-37

The Bridge Church:

- **Our Mission:** (Why do we exist?):
To Help People Find Jesus and Follow Him Fully
- **Our Vision:** (What is our picture of the future?):
Everyone on Mission, Developing Generations of World Changers

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2. I USE THE TOOLS God has given me NOW!

1 Samuel 17:38-40

3. I learn to IGNORE THE CRITICS and listen to GOD'S VOICE.

1 Samuel 30:6

4. I EXPECT GOD to help me for HIS GLORY!

1 Samuel 17:45-47

Next Steps

- I will make a list of significant times God has helped me in the past.
- I will no longer engage in fear-based conversations at my workplace.
- I will memorize 1 Samuel 17:47.

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SPIRITUAL HEALTH DEVOTIONAL THIS WEEK:

Monday, 11/17	Day 43
Tuesday, 11/18	Day 44
Wednesday, 11/19	Day 45
Thursday, 11/20	Day 46
Friday, 11/21	Day 47
Saturday, 11/22	Day 48
Sunday, 11/23	Day 49



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Play the weekly lesson from the *Transformation* DVD. The study guide in your *Transformed* workbook will provide questions for your LifeGroup to discuss and grow from this week.

Outlined below are some **additional study questions** that can be used for personal reflection or discussion with friends.

THOUGHT: God gives us dreams he wants us to fulfill. He created each of us with imagination and a unique set of gifts and abilities to accomplish our dreams and bring glory to Him. When we step out in obedience we may find obstacles in our way. As we face these delays, discouragement, disapproval and doubt, we must remember that the battle is the Lord's.

Open your group with a prayer and ask that the Holy Spirit would guide you during this important conversation.

1. When God gives you a dream, there seems to always be a delay. Share with the group a dream fulfilled only after a lengthy wait. What did God teach you while you waited on him to make a dream happen? How can remembering how God helped you in the past assist you when dream fulfillment is delayed?

2. **Matthew 9:29 (NLT)** *"According to your faith it will be done to you."*

Disapproval can be a powerful dream killer, but if God is the one who gives the dream, you can have confidence as David did when he faced Goliath. If open to do so, would you share a dream that you are confident God has given you? How do you think you might maintain your confidence in the face of disapproval of siblings, other family members, or trusted friends?

3. **Read 1 Samuel 17: 23-24.** Goliath berated the Israelite army and they were afraid. What negative voices are you listening to in your own life that makes you afraid? How can surrounding yourself with people filled with faith help conquer those dream-busters? What changes do you need to make in your life to build a stronger faith in God?

4. Your ability to dream is an enormous God-given gift. Since the size of your God determines the size of your goal, how can developing a "yes God" attitude, no matter what He may ask of you, affect your dreams?