

In the familiar story of David and Goliath, we learn that courage is contagious. David's courage when facing a giant, was contagious to the rest of Israel. David overcame the giant Goliath because he trusted God's ability to deliver. His courage inspired and empowered courage in the army of Israel. The key verses in chapter 17 are 46-47. David wanted to slay the giant, but only so that God would receive the glory and the people of the world would know what a great God we serve.

Key thought: When you demonstrate courageous faith, you inspire courage in the lives of other believers.

I. WHAT DO GIANTS (COURAGE KILLERS) LOOK LIKE?

1. Giants are loud and they make a lot of noise.
2. Giants cause us to be consumed with fear, worry, etc...
3. Giants demand a response.

II. HOW DO YOU SLAY THE GIANTS (COURAGE KILLERS) IN YOUR LIFE?

1. You must prepare – v. 20
Key word = faithfulness
Arthur Pink has said, "His faithfulness in few things fitted him to be the ruler over many things."
2. You must have a good memory – v. 34
Key word = remembering
Someone once said, "True faith is never chilled by a cold reception, nor cooled by outward difficulties."
3. You must have a plan – vs. 45, 49-51
Key word = trust
4. You must have the right purpose – v. 46
Key words = the glory of God

Everyone will face giants. "Courage killers" will come against us in many forms and phases of our life, but we can overcome! David's life serves as an example for all of us. As you face your giants, Don't forget God's promise in Romans 8:31:

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?" (NASB95)

I am confident that the God who enabled David to kill Goliath, can take care of any giants you will face in life. If you will trust God's ability to deliver, you will find peace and strength in your day of battle.