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# FACING THE GIANTS - WEEK # 4

## Week # 4: Fighting the Battle by Faith



We've all got them. They look big and if we allow them, cause us great fear. David shows us we can look at our giants through the eyes of faith rather than the eyes of fear. During this Renovation Series we will explore our fears and how to overcome them.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe your biggest victory in life. What happened, how did the victory come about, how did it change your life, and how did the victory change you as a person?
2. **Read Psalm 1 Samuel 17:38-50.**

Saul tries to clothe David in his armor. How is David's response (he hasn't tested them) indicative of the faith he has in God to deliver him from Goliath? How are the 5 smooth stones which he gathers from the river a deeper indication of his faith in God to give him victory over the giant? (Leaders: Hint - find the answer in 1 Samuel 6:17-18 - five cities/lords of the Philistines).

3. The battle begins at 17:41. Spend time as a group and characterize the tactical differences between David and Goliath. How does David respond to the taunts of Goliath?
4. David is motivated by faith in God's power and God's ability to deliver. After naming, taking authority, and remembering God's previous acts of deliverance in his life, David moves forward in faith, never forgetting who is in charge of the battle. Find evidences of these actions in the larger passage (e.g. 17:1-58) as a group.

What is the meaning of 17:45? Using a Bible Dictionary, Concordance, or the Faithlife Bible App, discern the meaning of "Lord of Hosts." Why is this name for God significant for the passage?

According to the passage, what is the ultimate purpose of this battle?  
Why is this important for "all the earth?"

5. Malcolm Gladwell argues in his book, "David and Goliath," that Goliath was actually the underdog, and David was the clear favorite. Goliath was big, slow moving, and likely had poor vision, and David was small, fast, and clear in purpose.

How might looking at our giants with a different or fresh perspective give us encouragement and faith that God has prepared us for whatever comes our way in life?

### **BE THE REVOLUTION**

When we fight the giants in our lives, we do so by faith.

### **RENOVATING THE HEART**

*For the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hand (1 Samuel 17:47).*