

The Heart of the Story

WEEK OF OCT. 26, 2015

Facing Our Giants

I love doing object lessons with the children in chapel. Many times the lessons themselves probably speak more to me than they do the children! This week's lesson? David defeating the giant Goliath. What an awesome display of God's strength at work in an ordinary man.

What a match-up! The giant—towering over 9ft tall, clad from head to toe in bronze armor weighing over 100 lbs & armed with a sword & spear. David— young shepherd boy, slight in stature, no armor, and at first glance no weapons. But when we dig deeper into the story we find that David's weapons could not be defeated! David's weapons? A sling & five smooth stones! Let's use those five stones to help us see how David defeated his giant.

The first stone represents **COURAGE**—The Israelites were shaking in their boots with fear but not David. "Don't worry about a thing," David told Saul. "I'll go fight this Philistine." 1 Sam. 17:32

The second stone represents **CONFIDENCE**. As a shep-

herd protecting his flocks, David had developed confidence in the Lord. "The Lord who saved me from the claws of the lion & the bear will save me from this Philistine!" 1 Sam. 17:37

The third stone represents **PREPARATION**. David did not fight unprepared, he armed himself with a sling & 5 stones. "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 sling in hand, approached the Philistine." 1 Sam. 17:40

The fourth stone represents **TRUST**. David did not trust his own abilities but he knew whose to trust. "You come to me with a sword & a spear, but I come to you in the name of the Lord God Almighty." 1 Sam. 17:45

The last stone represents **VICTORY**. David knew that with God on his side—the victory was a sure thing! "It is God's battle, not ours..." 1 Sam. 17:50

Each & every day you & I face many giants of our own—

fear, financial woes, job issues, struggling relationships, illnesses..._____ - you fill in the blank. The good news? The same God that helped David defeat Goliath is still on His throne & willing & able to help us defeat our giants! All we have to do is arm ourselves as David did! Take courage! Have confidence! Be prepared! Trust in the Lord! And claim the victory even before it is achieved!!

David knew the giant could not be avoided forever! He knew the battle had to be fought! He also knew his limitations. But most importantly David knew God, and because he did he was able to not only face, but overcome the giant. So can you & I. We can't avoid the giants in our lives, We have to enter into battle, knowing our limits & God's abilities! Then & only then will we defeat the giants in our lives!

"David majors in God. He sees the giant, mind you; he just sees God more so."

Max Lucado

Blessings,
Tammy

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Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line here.

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.



Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include

a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual

charity auction.

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