

Invincible

In the Face of Giants?

Everyone has to face giants in their lives. Fearsome, cruel, and awful giants that would cut us down rather than even look at us. They bellow in the darkness and threaten in the light of day. You may be able to see them coming, but there's nowhere to run ... you cannot hide from the giants who loom before you. And yet, when confronted by the fearsome Goliath, David didn't even seem to break a sweat. He strode forth with confidence and challenged the beast without a second thought. Some may say it was the folly of youthfulness that drove the boy to the challenge, but David knew better. David knew he was invincible in the face of giants. Where does that level of confidence come? In this week's conversation, we'll explore what it takes to be invincible in a world filled with giants desperately in need of slaying.

1 Samuel 16:1–13

1. What are some of God's promises? _____

2. David was confident because he fully believed _____
_____.

3. David did his _____.

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll identify the fiercest giant in my life
- I'll identify the promises God's made regarding my giants
- I'll prepare myself to step out in faith by:
 - Getting Started with Directions Discipleship
 - Join a Life Group
 - I'd like to meet with my pastor or a church leader for help in developing my faith

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper, Going Further

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Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1–13

Introduction: It's easy to trust God with eternity ... ever after seems as "real" to us as an invisible God. There's no risk in believing in someone who promises something we can't see or touch. On the other hand, trusting God to intervene in life's most pressing problems in the here and now isn't just risky, some would say it's naive and even psychologically unsound. And yet, that's exactly the kind of faith Christ followers are called to have.

1. What is your favorite Bible promise? How have you experienced the results of that promise in the past?
2. Tell about someone you admire who has demonstrated that they have a mountain of faith. How can you tell they have that kind of faith?
3. In 1 Samuel 16, David (who was likely a teenager) was anointed by Samuel to be the next king of Israel. How do you think his father felt about that? How do you think his older brothers felt?
4. Scan through 1 Samuel 17 to get an overview of David's battle with Goliath. What strikes you most about the story?
5. Dr. Bill said that David was confident about his ability to slay the giant because of God's unfulfilled promise. Why do you think David trusted God so much?
6. Share about a time when you had to put your faith to the test in a concrete way.
7. Read Mark 9:21–24. The man who was desperate asked Jesus to give him additional faith. What are some ways you can build your faith up before desperate times are upon you? (... and they will come upon you!)

Next Week: How to Be Invincible In the Face of Overwhelming Circumstances

Who will you be inviting to worship with you this week?