

## “Learning to Deal With Giants”

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### Possible “Giants” in My Life:

1. Wrong Relationships
2. Difficult Circumstances
3. Bad Habits
4. Poor Self-Image

### Sin is Like Goliath & the Philistines:

1. Like the Philistines, sin destroys our peace.

*“Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah. <sup>2</sup>Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. <sup>3</sup>The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.”* - 1 Samuel 17:1-3

2. Like Goliath, sin is more than a match for us.

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3. Like Goliath, sin isn’t content until it’s our master.

*“Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.”* - 1 Samuel 17:8-10

4. Like Goliath, sin can demoralize us.

*“On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.”* - 1 Samuel 17:11

## Four Principles That Can Help Me Be a “Giant Killer”

1. I must be convinced of the reality of God. - vs. 26

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*“The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”* - 1 Samuel 17:37

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