



FACING THE GIANT AT THE GATE

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When God created you, He created you with more than one thing in you.

Every day is an opportunity to discover what God has planted inside of you. He has got all kinds of hidden treasure locked-up inside of you and you are only scratching the surface.

1 Samuel 17:12-27

²³ As they talked, behold, Goliath, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, came forth from the Philistine ranks and spoke the same words as before, and David heard him.

GIANTS ARE ALWAYS AT THE GATE

David was a unique man indeed; in touch with all sides of himself.

Gentle enough to write poetry and sing psalms. Creative enough to not only write music but also to create instruments.

He was mighty at battle. He was a vicious and veracious leader, leading gladiators into battle.

His leadership was so superior that he could take sub-standard staff and get amazing results.

He was passionate enough to be a great lover all of his life.

He was such a passionate man that God would say of him: *I have found a man that is after My own heart.*

A passionate man. Not only in-love but also in-worship. He was an amazing worshipper, worshipping God all by himself.

He is a unique individual who does not yet know that all this is inside of him. It is locked-up in an obscure job in a strange place, performing a menial task. He does not yet know that greatness will come out of his praise. That leadership will come out of his worship. That creativity will exist and spring forth in his spirit.

Do Not Despise The Day Of Small Beginnings!

And may GOD, the God-of-Your-Fathers, keep it up and multiply you another thousand times, bless you just as he promised.

Deuteronomy 1:11 (MESSAGE)

It does not matter where you start today, it matters where you finish!

When God does a thing, He never describes what He does – He is always in the unprecedented! He just does it because He is Sovereign. He is God Almighty all by Himself – He is I Am!

He does not give you details; He just tells you to step off the boat and walk on the water. He doesn't give you details; He just tells you to build, to go, to do, and to speak.

The "Thing"!

The "thing" is what Christians would call "favour" or anointing. The secular world would call it charisma. It means there is something about you that is special.

I have come to believe that if it is not *the thing*; it will be *the thing* that leads to *the thing*!

His Word says; ***If you are faithful over a few things I will make you ruler over many!*** If you cannot learn how to be faithful at a small place; you won't be faithful at a great place. ***If you cannot learn how to be faithful to that which pertains to another man; you will never have your own.*** There must be a stage that you must go through so you can discover *the thing* that will leads to ***The Thing***.

38 Then Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his sword over his armour. Then he tried to go, but could not, for he was not used to it. And David said to Saul, I cannot go with these, for I am not used to them. And David took them off.

When God Calls You, He Calls You For His Own Divine Purpose!

If you are going to stay with the familiar, you are going to miss the spectacular! If you are going to stay with the ordinary, you are going to miss the extraordinary!

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, terrified.

You know you are called to do something when you have to fight something while other people are filled with fear. Your courage is a sign of your calling.

If you can see what's wrong, you have the power to fix what's wrong.

David Is Running Into What Others Are Running Away From.

Your gift will make you stand before kings. God will see to it that you will stand before people that you in the natural would never be able to stand before because God is getting ready to use you in a supernatural way!

Your Past Is Going To Prepare You For Your Destiny.

Little accidents, adversities and setbacks are all preparing you for something. God would not let you come up against the lion and the bear if He did not have something in store for you.

God is taking you from the lion into the bear into the greatness of His destiny!

The Giant Is The Gate To Your Wealth.

25 And the man who kills him the king will ⁽¹⁾enrich with great riches, and will ⁽²⁾give him his daughter and ⁽³⁾make his father's house free [from taxes and service] in Israel.

26 And David said to the men standing by him, what shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine.

- ***(1) Enrich with great riches.***
Wherever your wealth is, there you will find a giant standing before you and it.
- ***(2) Give him his daughter.***
In killing the giant you will cause a shift in your position. A shift in how you are being perceived by people. Something that will take you years to do; when you kill this giant, you will have a place in the palace.
- ***(3) Make his father's house free [from taxes and service].***
Everything that is connected with you will be blessed. When you kill the giant; everything that is associated with you will be blessed.

Giants Are Always At The Gate!

They stand between you and the next opportunity. Giants are always positioned strategically. Giants are placed at the gate to prevent you from the next dimension that God is going to do in your life. It is not the time to avoid or to run from your giant. It's time to look for your giant!

Every prophesy, dream, favour, miracle and promise is at the other side of that gate – **kill your giant!**

You Cannot Delay Your Battle Waiting On New Equipment!

This is a season where you have got to use what you have to get what you want! God's is going to give you more, but you will have to use what you've got.

You cannot bring down your giant and keep your rocks in your pocket. If you do not invest in your dream, your dream won't materialize. David used what he had against what he wanted. It knocked a mocking, laughing giant out.

³² *The land through which we went to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. And all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature.*

³³ *There we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, who come from the giants.*

Numbers 13:32-33

Whenever you are ready to step into a next dimension; there will always be a giant. Something to intimidate and stop you. Something that wants you to quit and go back into the wilderness that you came from.

The Death Of The Giant Was The Birth Of The King.

The giant was never a problem in the first place. He was a sign that you were at the gate. The giant was there to deliver you from mediocrity. The giant was there so you cannot miss the place of transformation.

If you throw your rock, you will get your sword. If you use your sword, you will get the kingdom!