

**These Three Kings:
On the Life of King Saul**

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“Fear of the Giant”
1 Samuel 17

Introduction:

The story of David and Goliath is one of the most famous stories in all the Bible, but there is one more major player that we don't normally think about. Where was King Saul during this battle and why wasn't it Saul confronting the giant?

Interpretation of the Story:

Applying the Story:

1. We can take either a _____ perspective or a _____ perspective to the _____ in our lives.
2. Through the power of the _____, all giants can be _____.

Going Deeper

1. Did anything new stand out to you in the story of Goliath in 1 Samuel 17? If so, what was it?
2. What was the difference between Saul's reaction to the giant and David's? Why is the reaction of each expected? What makes each reaction surprising?
3. How was the battle with Goliath primarily a spiritual battle? What difference does that make?
4. What are some of the "giants" that you are facing in your life? How is it that you are dealing with them?
5. How is it that the giants in your life taunt you and keep you from moving forward? What affect does that have on you?
6. Throughout Scripture, God is described as one who has overcome the world. Practically speaking, how does God give us the power to overcome the hardships we face?
7. Is it at all surprising that David is so confident and that he killed Goliath so easily?
8. What do you suspect Saul's reaction to David's victory is going to be?
9. What are some practical steps you can take in embracing the power of God to overcome the giants in our lives?

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