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Killing Giants

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Using this guide

Read the corresponding chapter, then work through the themes, arguments, and Scripture references.

Write your responses before discussing the questions with others. Use the application pages to identify a practical next step.

The study material is retained from the existing lecture study guides. Added writing prompts provide space for your own response.

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Reading assignments refer to the September 30, 2026 edition of the companion book. Online lecture links and QR codes are collected at the end.

LESSON 1

Pastor John Weaver - Killing Giants

Part One of Two

August 11, 2015

Read Chapter 1 in the companion book, pages 5-20.

Major Themes

God's Providence in Trials

God providentially allows believers to face giants for their good and His glory, orchestrating circumstances to bring about spiritual growth.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'God providentially, for our good and His glory, allows us to face and fight giants' (11:22.0-12:08.7) and illustrates with David's encounter with Goliath.

Spiritual Warfare and Personal Giants

Believers face various spiritual giants such as despair, apathy, unbelief, and family issues, which must be confronted and overcome biblically.

Lecture support: Weaver lists giants like 'giant apathy, giant ignorance, giant unbelief' and 'giant of lost children' (09:40.1-10:07.6).

The Necessity of Fighting Giants

Failing to fight spiritual giants results in becoming their servant, as taught in Romans 6:16; believers must kill their giants or be killed by them.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'You will either have to kill the giants in your life or they will kill you' (23:32.2-23:44.4) and applies Romans 6:16.

Righteous Anger and Zeal for God

David's righteous anger against Goliath's defiance of God motivated him to fight, demonstrating a zeal for God's honor that believers should emulate.

Lecture support: Weaver notes David's question, 'who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?' (33:27.9-34:26.5).

Faith Over Fear

Believers should face giants with faith like David, Joshua, and Caleb, rather than fear like the Israelites, trusting in God's power and promises.

Lecture support: Weaver contrasts the Israelites' fear with Joshua and Caleb's declaration, 'they are bread for us' (49:42.5-50:16.1).

Commonality of Temptation

Temptations and trials are common to all believers, and God provides a way of escape, so no one is uniquely burdened beyond God's enablement.

Lecture support: Weaver cites 1 Corinthians 10:13 and says, 'We all face common giants' (28:28.6-29:02.1).

Key Arguments

God providentially allows giants for our good and His glory.

Weaver argues that God sovereignly brings giants into believers' lives to mature their faith and glorify Himself, as seen in David's encounter with Goliath.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'God providentially, for our good and His glory, allows us to face and fight giants' (11:22.0-12:08.7) and illustrates with David's story.

Failing to fight giants results in slavery to them.

Using Romans 6:16, Weaver contends that if believers do not actively combat spiritual giants, they become enslaved to sin and its consequences.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'If you do not kill the giant of lust in your life, you will be the servant of lust' (25:21.5-26:41.0).

David's righteous anger was a proper response to Goliath's defiance of God.

Weaver argues that David's anger was not sinful but righteous, directed at Goliath's reproach of God's armies, and should inspire believers to zeal for God's honor.

Lecture support: Weaver explains, 'David was not fearful. He was righteously angered' and cites David's words in 1 Samuel 17:26 (33:27.9-34:26.5).

Giants are common to all believers, and God provides a way to overcome.

Weaver asserts that no temptation is unique, and God's faithfulness ensures believers can endure and conquer any giant through His provision.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes 1 Corinthians 10:13 and says, 'God is not going to put some giant on you that you cannot face' (29:03.8-30:14.8).

Believers should view giants as opportunities for growth, not threats.

Drawing from Joshua and Caleb, Weaver argues that giants are 'bread for us' - nourishment for faith - and should be faced with confidence in God's presence.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Numbers 14:9, 'they are bread for us' (49:42.5-50:16.1).

Scripture References

1 Samuel 17:1-16

Weaver reads the passage describing the Philistine and Israelite armies, Goliath's challenge, and David's background.

Numbers 13:33

Weaver references the Israelites' fearful report about the sons of Anak, illustrating how lack of faith makes giants seem larger.

1 Samuel 17:4-7

Weaver reads the description of Goliath's armor and weapons to emphasize his physical stature and strength.

Deuteronomy 3:11

Weaver compares Goliath's height to Og's bedstead to show that Goliath was 9 feet 9 inches tall.

1 Samuel 17:8-10

Weaver highlights Goliath's arrogant challenge to Israel, showing his defiance and pride.

1 Samuel 17:11, 24

Weaver notes the fear of Saul and all Israel upon hearing Goliath's words.

1 Samuel 9:2

Weaver points out Saul's own height to emphasize that even a tall man feared Goliath.

1 Samuel 17:9

Weaver uses Goliath's terms of battle to illustrate the principle of servitude to whoever prevails.

Romans 6:16

Weaver applies Paul's teaching on yielding to sin or obedience to the necessity of killing spiritual giants.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Weaver cites this verse to assure believers that temptations are common and God provides a way of escape.

1 Samuel 17:14, 33, 42, 56

Weaver references these verses to show David's youth and inexperience as a warrior.

1 Samuel 17:26

Weaver quotes David's righteous anger at Goliath's defiance of the living God.

Ephesians 4:26

Weaver references this verse to support the concept of righteous anger.

Mark 3:5

Weaver cites Jesus' anger at the hardness of hearts as an example of righteous anger.

1 Samuel 17:15

Weaver notes that David had returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep, showing his humble position.

1 Samuel 16:17-23

Weaver recounts David's previous service to Saul as a harpist and armor bearer.

1 Samuel 17:17-18

Weaver reads Jesse's instructions to David to check on his brothers, which providentially brought him to the battle.

Genesis 50:16-21

Weaver uses Joseph's response to his brothers to illustrate overcoming the giant of rejection through trust in God's purpose.

Numbers 14:6-9

Weaver cites Joshua and Caleb's faithful report, calling the giants 'bread for us' and urging trust in the Lord.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some 'giants' you are currently facing in your life, and how have you been responding to them - with faith or fear?

Consider: Weaver challenges believers to identify their personal giants and assess their response, contrasting the fear of Israel with the faith of David.

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2. How does understanding God's providence change the way you view the trials and challenges in your life?

Consider: Weaver emphasizes that God providentially allows giants for our good and His glory, which should transform our perspective on suffering.

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3. In what areas of your life have you become a 'servant' to a giant because you have failed to fight it?

Consider: Weaver applies Romans 6:16 to show that yielding to sin makes us its slave, prompting self-examination.

4. How can we cultivate a righteous anger against sin without falling into sinful anger?

Consider: Weaver discusses David's righteous anger and references Ephesians 4:26, raising the need for discernment in our emotional responses.

5. What does it mean to view your giants as 'bread for us' as Joshua and Caleb did?

Consider: Weaver cites Numbers 14:9 to encourage seeing trials as nourishment for faith, prompting reflection on how to practically adopt this mindset.

6. How can the example of Joseph help you deal with rejection or betrayal from family or friends?

Consider: Weaver uses Joseph's response in Genesis 50 to illustrate overcoming the giant of rejection through trust in God's good purpose.

Applications

Face giants with faith, not fear.

Believers should respond to trials with faith like David, Joshua, and Caleb, rather than fear like the Israelites, trusting in God's power.

Lecture support: Weaver asks, 'How do you face giants? With faith or fear?' and contrasts the responses (50:54.4-52:15.7).

Trust in God's sovereign providence.

Recognizing that God brings giants for our good and His glory should lead us to cease complaining and actively engage in spiritual battle.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'If we understand that, that should be sufficient to make us cease complaining, whining, and grumbling, and simply just get to work in killing the giants' (52:18.9-53:21.3).

Actively fight spiritual giants to avoid slavery.

Believers must intentionally combat sins and challenges, understanding that passivity leads to bondage, as taught in Romans 6:16.

Lecture support: Weaver warns, 'You will either have to kill the giants in your life or they will kill you' (23:32.2-23:44.4).

View trials as opportunities for spiritual growth.

Like Joshua and Caleb, believers should see giants as 'bread' that nourishes faith and deepens dependence on God.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Numbers 14:9 and says, 'They're bread for us. They're our nourishment' (50:17.1-50:53.9).

Respond to sin with righteous anger and zeal for God's honor.

Believers should cultivate a holy indignation against sin that defies God, following David's example of defending God's reputation.

Lecture support: Weaver explains David's anger: 'David was not fearful. He was righteously angered' (33:27.9-34:26.5).

Personal Application and Notes

Which application will you work on, and what specific step will you take?

What Scripture or teaching will you return to as you put this into practice?

Additional notes or questions to discuss

LESSON 2

Pastor John Weaver - Killing Giants

Part Two of Two

August 11, 2015

Read Chapter 2 in the companion book, pages 21-35.

Major Themes

Divine Providence in Trials

God sovereignly allows giants (trials) in our lives for our good and His glory, and He prepares us to face them.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'God providentially allows us to face and fight giants... He allows it for our good and His glory.' (564.4-605.6s) and 'God providentially prepares us to face our battles and the giants that we must face.' (626.4-679.9s)

Necessity of Fighting Giants

Giants must be actively confronted and killed; there is no alternative to fighting them.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'You cannot walk around a giant. You cannot walk away from a giant. You must either slay him or he's going to slay you.' (234.4-307.8s)

Preparation through Smaller Battles

God uses smaller trials to prepare us for larger ones, teaching us to trust Him and fight biblically.

Lecture support: Weaver explains, 'Those little or those smaller battles always prepare us for the larger battles.' (680.5-720.8s) and details David's lessons from the lion and bear (984.8-1548.2s).

Rejection of Worldly Methods

Spiritual battles cannot be won with worldly wisdom or methods; we must rely on God's proven ways.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'The wisdom of this world and the means and the methods of this world will never succeed in spiritual battles.' (1442.5-1500.2s) and discusses David rejecting Saul's armor (1501.6-1547.5s).

Facing Criticism from Others

When we step out in faith to fight giants, we may face criticism, even from family, due to their own fear or envy.

Lecture support: Weaver notes, 'The first major criticism of David came from a family member, his older brother.' (1919.2-1968.2s) and explains Eliab's motives (1970.0-2330.2s).

Dealing with One Giant at a Time

God only requires us to face the giant immediately before us, not all potential future giants.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'We don't have to kill all the giants, just the one that we're facing.' (2474.4-2527.0s)

Community Support in Battles

When we conquer our own giants, we can help others face theirs, and God provides help through the body of Christ.

Lecture support: Weaver illustrates, 'If Ed and Kerry kill the giant that's facing them... Pretty soon, all the giants are going to be dead.' (2678.4-2729.7s)

Faith as the Key to Victory

Trusting in God's power and past faithfulness enables us to face any giant, regardless of its size or strength.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'Size, strength, military accoutrements, or weapons matter not when the battle is the Lord's.' (2958.8-2996.1s) and references David's trust (1301.7-1345.1s).

Key Arguments

Giants are inevitable and must be fought

Trials and troubles are a reality of life, and the only way to overcome them is to actively engage and defeat them.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'You cannot walk around a giant. You cannot walk away from a giant. You must either slay him or he's going to slay you.' (234.4-307.8s)

God prepares us through prior experiences

God uses smaller battles to teach us to trust Him and to develop the skills needed for larger challenges.

Lecture support: Weaver explains, 'Those little or those smaller battles always prepare us for the larger battles.' (680.5-720.8s) and cites David's fight with the lion and bear (984.8-1077.6s).

Worldly methods are ineffective in spiritual battles

Relying on human wisdom or unproven methods will not bring victory; we must use God's means.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'The wisdom of this world and the means and the methods of this world will never succeed in spiritual battles.' (1442.5-1500.2s) and discusses David rejecting Saul's armor (1501.6-1547.5s).

Criticism often accompanies faith-filled action

When we step out to fight giants, we may face criticism from those who are afraid or envious, but we must press on.

Lecture support: Weaver notes, 'The first major criticism of David came from a family member, his older brother.' (1919.2-1968.2s) and explains Eliab's accusations (1970.0-2042.3s).

We only need to face one giant at a time

God does not overwhelm us with all our problems at once; He gives us the grace to deal with the present challenge.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'We don't have to kill all the giants, just the one that we're facing.' (2474.4-2527.0s)

Victory over our giants enables us to help others

When we overcome our own trials, we can assist others in their battles, and God uses the community of believers for mutual support.

Lecture support: Weaver illustrates, 'If Ed and Kerry kill the giant that's facing them... Pretty soon, all the giants are going to be dead.' (2678.4-2729.7s)

Faith in God's power is the ultimate weapon

No giant can stand against the power of God, and our trust in Him is what brings victory.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'Size, strength, military accoutrements, or weapons matter not when the battle is the Lord's.' (2958.8-2996.1s) and references David's declaration in 1 Samuel 17:45-47 (307.9-412.0s).

God's faithfulness in past deliverances assures future help

Remembering how God has helped us in the past builds our confidence to trust Him in present and future battles.

Lecture support: Weaver points to David's reasoning: 'The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.' (1301.7-1345.1s)

Scripture References

1 Samuel 17:1-3

Weaver reads the opening verses describing the Philistine and Israelite armies facing off in the valley of Elah.

1 Samuel 17:4-7

Description of Goliath's physical stature and armor.

1 Samuel 17:8-11

Goliath's challenge to Israel and the fear it caused.

1 Samuel 17:12-18

Introduction of David and his errand to bring food to his brothers.

1 Samuel 17:41-47

The confrontation between David and Goliath, including David's declaration of faith.

1 Samuel 17:31-37

David volunteers to fight Goliath and recounts his past victories over the lion and bear.

1 Samuel 17:38-39

David rejects Saul's armor because he had not proved it.

1 Samuel 17:26-29

Eliab's criticism of David and David's response.

1 Samuel 17:40

David takes five smooth stones and approaches Goliath.

2 Samuel 21:18-22

Other giants killed by David's servants, showing David only had to kill Goliath.

1 Chronicles 20:8

Reference that the other giants fell by the hand of David and his servants.

Romans 8:37

Weaver quotes Paul: 'He hath made us more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

1 Corinthians 1:19-24

God destroys the wisdom of the wise; worldly wisdom is foolishness.

1 Corinthians 10:13

God will not allow us to be tempted above what we are able, but will make a way of escape.

1 Timothy 6:12

Paul's exhortation to 'Fight the good fight of faith.'

2 Timothy 4:7

Paul's testimony: 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.'

Job 14:12

Weaver quotes Job: 'He looketh on every one that is proud, and bringeth him low; and treadeth down the wicked in their place.' (Note: This is actually Job 40:12 in most translations, but Weaver cites Job 14:12.)

Ephesians 4:26

Weaver alludes to 'Let not the sun go down upon your wrath' in the context of resolving problems daily.

2 Timothy 2:5

Weaver quotes: 'And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.'

Romans 6:16

Weaver quotes: '...to whomsoever ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are...'

Discussion Questions

1. What are some 'giants' you are currently facing, and how does the example of David encourage you to confront them?

Consider: Weaver emphasizes that giants exist in various forms (health, economic, marital) and must be fought.

2. How have smaller battles in your past prepared you for larger challenges today? Can you identify specific lessons learned?

Consider: Weaver explains that God uses smaller trials to prepare us, as seen in David's fight with the lion and bear.

3. In what ways are we tempted to use 'worldly armor' (unproven methods) to fight spiritual battles? How can we instead rely on God's proven means?

Consider: Weaver discusses David rejecting Saul's armor and the danger of worldly wisdom.

4. Have you ever faced criticism from family or friends when stepping out in faith? How did you respond, and what can we learn from David's response to Eliab?

Consider: Weaver details Eliab's criticism of David and the reasons behind it.

5. Why is it important to focus on the giant in front of us rather than worrying about future or potential giants? How does this perspective change our daily walk?

Consider: Weaver states that God only allows us to face one giant at a time.

6. How can we, as a church community, help one another kill the giants in our lives? What practical steps can we take to share our victories and support others?

Consider: Weaver illustrates that when we conquer our giants, we can help others, and God uses the body of Christ.

7. What does it mean to 'fight the good fight of faith' in practical terms? What areas of your life require the most fighting right now?

Consider: Weaver applies the message by urging believers to fight for purity, prayer, and faithfulness.

8. How does remembering God's past faithfulness help you trust Him with current giants? Can you share a testimony of God's deliverance?

Consider: Weaver points to David's trust based on God's deliverance from the lion and bear.

Applications

Accept God's providence in trials

Recognize that God sovereignly allows giants for your good and His glory, and respond with active faith rather than complaint.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'Whatever God brings to pass in your life, He brings it to pass for your good and His glory... suck it up, buttercup, it's for your good, get on with killing this giant and get it over with.' (2777.5-2853.6s)

Fight only when necessary

Learn to discern when a battle is truly necessary and avoid fighting over trivial matters, reserving your energy for real spiritual conflicts.

Lecture support: Weaver explains, 'David learned to fight when it was necessary to fight... We need to learn to fight when it is absolutely necessary to fight.' (984.8-1115.7s)

Trust God based on past deliverances

Recall how God has helped you in previous trials to build confidence for current challenges.

Lecture support: Weaver highlights David's reasoning: 'The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion... he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.' (1301.7-1345.1s)

Reject worldly methods in spiritual battles

Avoid relying on human wisdom or unproven strategies; instead, use biblical principles and trust in God's power.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'The wisdom of this world and the means and the methods of this world will never succeed in spiritual battles.' (1442.5-1500.2s) and discusses David rejecting Saul's armor (1501.6-1547.5s).

Persevere despite criticism

When you face criticism for acting in faith, remember that there is a cause, and continue to do what is right.

Lecture support: Weaver notes David's response to Eliab: 'What have I now done? Is there not a cause?' (2267.9-2330.2s)

Focus on the present giant

Do not be overwhelmed by future or potential problems; deal with the trial immediately before you, trusting God for grace.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'We don't have to kill all the giants, just the one that we're facing.' (2474.4-2527.0s)

Help others with their giants

Share your testimonies of victory to encourage and assist fellow believers in their battles.

Lecture support: Weaver illustrates, 'If Ed and Kerry kill the giant that's facing them... Pretty soon, all the giants are going to be dead.' (2678.4-2729.7s)

Fight the good fight of faith daily

Actively engage in spiritual disciplines and resist the flesh, knowing that Christianity requires a fight.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'You have to fight to keep your mind pure. You have to fight to keep your heart right. You have to fight to keep praying and to keep studying.' (2854.8-2895.8s)

Study notes

Personal Application and Notes

Which application will you work on, and what specific step will you take?

What Scripture or teaching will you return to as you put this into practice?

Additional notes or questions to discuss

Online Lecture Resources

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Lesson 1: Pastor John Weaver - Killing Giants - Part One of Two

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