Your ability to __________ is a God-given gift!

The story of David defeating Goliath is found in 1 SAMUEL 17:1-52

“Now the Philistines had gathered their forces for war... They occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them. A champion named Goliath, from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was a giant of a man, over nine feet tall, wearing a huge bronze helmet, and a coat of bronze armor that weighed over 125 pounds, He also wore bronze leggings, and slung a huge bronze javelin over his back. The iron spearhead alone weighed 15 pounds, and a soldier with a large shield always walked in front of Goliath.” - 1 Samuel 17:1-7

LESSONS FROM DAVID FACING GOLIATH

THERE WERE OTHER __________ DAVID HAD TO FACE in order to become what God designed him to be

1st Dreambuster: The giant of __________

vs. 12-15 “Now David was the youngest of Jesse’s eight sons... His three older brothers enlisted in Saul’s army... but David was held back to care for the sheep in Bethlehem.”

2nd Dreambuster: The giant of __________________________

EVERYONE WAS __________

Goliath had created a climate & culture of __________

vs. 8-11 “Each day Goliath would stand and shout at the ranks of Israel’s army, "Why do you come out here and line up for battle?... Choose one man to fight me. If he’s able to kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I kill him, you’ll become our subjects and serve us.” Day after day Goliath taunted them saying “This day I defy the ranks of Israel! When Saul and the Israelites heard this, everyone was deeply shaken and paralyzed with fear.”

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM is often wrong!

Why had everyone given up?
They were listening to the wrong ________!

vs. 16 “For forty days, twice a day, morning and evening, the Philistine giant loudly berated the Israelite army.”

If you listen to negative statements long enough… you get ________________!

vs. 23-24 “As David talked with his brothers on the front line, he saw Goliath start shouting his usual threats to Israel’s army When the army heard Goliath, they all ran away in terror.”

3rd Dreambuster: The giant of ________________

vs. 28-29 “David asked, “What’s the reward for killing this Philistine and ending this disgraceful abuse?... When David’s older brother heard this he burned with anger at David and said “Why are YOU even here anyway? Why aren’t you taking care of your scrappy little flock of sheep? You cocky little brat. I know how conceited you are!’ ‘Now what have I done?” said David. "Can’t I even ask a question?"

When God gives YOU a dream that others are afraid to attempt you’ll be ______________... ______________... ___________

4th Dreambuster The giant of ________________

vs 32-33 “‘Don’t worry about a thing,’ David told the King, ‘I'll fight this Philistine!’ ‘Don’t be ridiculous!’ Saul replied. ‘There’s no way YOU can go against this Philistine! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a professional warrior all his life!’
4 things David did!

1. **REMEMBER HOW GOD’S _________ ME IN THE PAST!**

vs. 36-37 “In protecting my sheep, I’ve killed both a lion and a bear... The Lord who delivered me from the teeth of that lion, and the claws of that bear, will surely now deliver me from this Philistine too!”

“I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart...”
Ps. 119:11 (Msg)

What are some ways that God has helped you in the past? (Write them down.)

2. **USE THE _________ GOD HAS GIVEN ME _______!**

vs 38-40 “Then Saul dressed David in his own armor... But David said, ‘I cannot go out in these, because I’m not used to them.’ So he took them off... Instead he chose 5 smooth stones for his sling.”

*If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.*
Eccles. 11:4 (NLT)

3. **_____________ THE DREAMBUSTERS!**

1 Sam. 30:6 “... When others were speaking against him, David encouraged himself in the Lord.”

4. **GOD TO HELP ME FOR HIS _________!**

vs. 45-47“David shouted to Goliath "You come at me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord Almighty!...Today the Lord will conquer you... and the whole world will know that there is a God! And everyone will know that the Lord doesn’t need weapons to rescue his people. It is his battle, not ours. The Lord will give you to us!"

What are you expecting God to do in your life?

“It’s impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.” - Hebrews 11:6 (MSG)

Has God moved in your life through this series? Next week we would love to share some stories of how God has been moving, contact Mike if your story can encourage others.

Fill in the Blank answers (Dream, Giants, Delay, Discouragement, Afraid, Fear, Voice Negative, Disapproval, Misunderstood, Misjudged, Maligned, Doubt, Helped, Tools, Now, Ignore, Expect, Glory)

**Memory verse:** “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, rather than for people”. – Colossians 3:23

**My Next Step Today is...**

- □ Memorize Colossians 3:23
- □ What are some of the giants I am currently facing?
- □ How can the 4 things David do help me have victory?
- □ I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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