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**THEME: OVERCOMING GIANTS - LIFE APPLICATION**

PASSAGE: 1 SAMUEL 17:4-50 (Good to read with drama and passion!)

PURPOSE: All of us face giants in our lives. How we respond to them is significant. On the one hand we can be overcome by fear, anxiety and uncertainty. On the other, we can involve God.

**LAUNCH**

When you were a child, what was your biggest fear?

**DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING**

If you were one of the Israelite soldiers, how would you feel when confronted by the Philistines and why?

Perception is everything. How did David see things differently?

What do you think gave David such courage and resolve to take on the giant?

What was significant about David refusing to wear Saul's armour? What lessons can we learn from this when applied to our own Christian lives?

Why was it important that David speak to Goliath using the words that he did? What can we learn from this?

What are the fears or giants in your life at the present time?

What are the negative or even harmful ways that you can address these fears?

What are the positive ways in which you can address them? What tips can we learn from David?

**APPLICATION**

Pray for anyone who is facing or experiencing a difficult 'giant' in their lives at the present time.

*A number of websites used to prepare this study. Especially helpful:*

<http://www.usacanadaregion.org/sites/usacanadaregion.org/files/PDF/exploringfaith/Who-Are-Your-Giants.pdf> which is run from the Church of the Nazarene central website