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Giant Problems

Will you look at that? **Will I look at what?** Will you look at that giant problem that is just ahead of me? **So what?** What do you mean by saying, so what? I will never be able to overcome that giant problem. **Why do you say that?** I say that because it is the obvious truth. It's way too big for me. **Yes, it is.** Now you are agreeing with me? **I am agreeing with you, only in part.** What part of this problem are you agreeing with me? **I am agreeing with you that you will not be able to overcome this giant problem alone, all by yourself. You have properly assessed the size of the problem.** It is a giant one. **Yes, it is.** What part of this problem are you not agreeing with me? **You want to run from this problem. You want to go around this problem. You would do almost anything to simply avoid this problem.** Well, that's certainly true. I don't want to be crushed by this problem. **Nor do I want you to be crushed by this problem.** What do you suggest? **That is one of the first good things you have thought and said about this problem.** I'm not following what you are saying. **You are asking for my help, are you not?** Yes, I am asking for your helping. **That's very good.**

I want you to think differently about giant problems. How so? **You view a giant problem as something that should be avoided at all costs.** Yes, I do. **You are fearful when you are faced with a giant problem.** Yes, I am. **You become discouraged and depressed and despondent in the face of a giant problem.** That's right. **Do you know why that is?** No, I don't. **You think that you need to face your giant problems by yourself, with your own efforts. You think that you are all alone in your battle against giant problems.** That is exactly what I think. **Your thinking is incorrect. Your thinking needs to change.** How so? **You need to think about what is true. What is true? I am with you. I will help you. I will fight in you, with you, for you and through you. I will lead you in victory over the giant problems you will face in life. Giant problems are an opportunity for you to rely on me. Giant problems are an opportunity for you to draw closer to me. Giant problems are an opportunity for you to know me better as you allow me to lead you in victory. Will you rely on me as I lead you in victory over giant problems you will face in life? Yes Lord, I will. That will be very good.**

Heavenly Father, I know I am not alone. You are with me to help me. You give me all I need to fight battles against giants in life. I will put all my faith in you. I will rely on your help. Thank you for giving me victory over giants. Amen

The Battle Is The LORD's

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

God The Father – 1 Samuel 17:45-47

In Context: *Read 1 Samuel 17*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When has your Heavenly Father done something through you that you could have never done by yourself?

What gives you confidence that your Heavenly Father is with you to help you in the battles of life?

How have you learned to rely on your Heavenly Father when you are facing a battle in life?

How has your faith in your Heavenly Father grown as you have relied on Him in the battles of life?

What has happened when you have relied on yourself to fight the battles you faced in life?

When has your Heavenly Father given you victory over a giant that you faced in your life?

How are you giving thanks and praise to God for the way He has led you in victory over giants?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Have faith and trust in your Heavenly Father to help you to fight and win battles against giants you face in life.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that your Heavenly Father is with you and will help you in the battles you face in life.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group something how Heavenly Father has helped you win a battle in life.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you rely on the Lord to help you fight battles you will face in life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will rely on you to help me to fight battles I will face in life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you help me to fight this battle I am facing?
