



**Destroying the Giants in my Life  
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**A giant’s most common weapons are their:**

- **Sheer size – Problems and challenges often seem bigger than they actually are. (Goliath was 9 ½ feet tall)**
- **Impenetrable armor – Problems and challenges often seem like there are no weaknesses. (Goliath’s armor and shield)**
- **Pointed approach – Problems and challenges often attack us in the heart with criticism and personal attacks. (Goliath’s javelin)**
- **Devoted crew – Problems and challenges come in bundles and bunches. (Goliath’s armor bearer and army)**

## Every giant has at least 3 weaknesses

They are:

- Never as huge and imposing as they first appeared.
- Weak and vulnerable in one way or another.
- Powerless when they come up against God's people.

How to destroy my giants and accomplish God's purpose for my life:



**Realize a delayed dream isn't a dead dream.**

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### 1 Samuel 17:26, 28-29 (NIV)

David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" ...When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle." "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"



**Recognize every dream faces giants of doubt, discouragement and disillusionment.**

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David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

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**Remember** there will be opposition and disapproval to any dream I pursue.

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**John 7:5 (NIV)**

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**We must let the size of our God determine the size of our dreams.**

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**I reflect by:**

- **Reading the Bible and journaling about all God has done in my life.**
- **Using the tools and talents God has given me.**
- **Believing in faith the victory is already the Lord’s.**

**1 Samuel 17:46-47 (NIV)**

This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

**1 John 4:4 (TPT)**

Little children, you can be certain that you belong to God and have conquered them, for the One who is living in you is far greater than the one who is in the world.

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