



Freedom in the Word

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GIANT-KILLER MENTALITY

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As it relates to this article, a giant is anything that has the potential to separate us from the prayer closet, the Word of God, and the place of service where we make a difference living a purpose-driven life. Examples of giants might include: the lies of the devil, negative circumstances, wrong choices, temptations, busyness, wrong priorities, the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches. (Mk 4:19)

If we desire to have a giant-killer mentality we can examine the most renowned giant killer in the bible, David. 1 Samuel 17 tells of David's encounter with Goliath. Jesse sends David to the frontlines of battle to take some food to his brothers. Goliath is hard for David to not notice. (9 ft. 400 lbs) It wasn't Goliath's size that bothered David, it was his arrogance and profanity.

David asks a great question in verse 26. "Who is this uncircumcised (no covenant) Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God? David is remembering the covenant with his God in Psalm 89:34, God says, "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." David's brothers said Goliath was bad to the bone, but David just said, "Hello Mr. Bad, meet little stone!"

In Numbers 13, twelve spies are sent to scout out the Promise Land. Ten came back with a "fear report." Joshua and Caleb came back with a "faith report." Ten said, "It's a land flowing with milk and honey ... NEVERTHELESS, the sons of Anak (giants) are ready to attack." (emphasis mine) Joshua and Caleb replied, "Let us go up at once and possess it for we well able to overcome it." To the believer US always mean God and me for the victory! Verse 33 reveals the problem: "We were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight." If you look in the mirror and there's a grasshopper to see, it won't take much of a giant to steal your victory.

Giant killers will always see their SOLUTION bigger than their POLLUTION! Giant killers talk faith and not fear. David remembered what God had said. Joshua and Caleb remembered what God had said. Maybe we need to remember what God has said, and put that in our head, and not end up dead at the foot of a giant. We can't let giants take us out of the Promise Land of all that God has for us. Zechariah 4:6 – Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts!

THE STORMS OF LIFE

Katie Brigmon

2 Timothy 2:3 - Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Most of us are familiar with the story in the Gospels where the disciples were in the boat with Jesus and the storm came up. They were panicked when they woke Him. He spoke to the storm and and instantly the storm was stilled.

I can think of another storm in Acts 27. Paul was on a ship which was a prison chain (prison slang for transfer). A storm came up and an angel of the Lord came to Paul with a word. Loosely translated Paul shared with the ship's crew, "You'll lose some stuff but you'll make it!"

Personally, I like the "Peace be still" word better than the "You'll make it through". Paul continued to say in verse 25, "Keep up your courage for I have faith in God." Ron read somewhere recently that most storms of our life have a fairly short shelf life.

Also, our character is revealed during some of life's storms. In my line of work (realtor) I've seen many foreclosures on the market. When I go into some of these houses I see that they are in perfect condition. Others have been almost completely destroyed. Some owners with great character are determined to weather their storm with dignity; others have the attitude that if I can't keep it I'll destroy it.

I Corinthians 4:2 Paul says "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." *Father, help us to remain faithful and courageous as we trust you to see us through the storms of life.*

MINISTRY FOR FEBRUARY:

- Bartlett Unit..... Feb. 1, 4, 8, 15, 18, 20, 22
- Travis Unit..... Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22
- Crain Unit (3)..... Feb. 7
- Lockhart Unit (Women)..... Feb. 14
- Bastrop FCI Feb. 21
- Kyle Unit Feb. 28

One on One county jail visits

Prison News

Early in January a highly contagious stomach virus swept through at least 16 state prisons, including Rosharon's Terrell Unit where more than a third of inmates are reported ill. State prison spokesman said Terrell is among four prisons in the greater Houston area closed to weekend visitors and volunteers.

Also closed to weekend visitation were the Huntsville Unit, where 159 of about 1,500 inmates were sick; Estelle Unit near Huntsville, where 148 of about 3,000 inmates were ill; and Pack Unit at Navasota, where 370 of about 1,400 inmates were sick.

Bartlett Unit was on lockdown earlier in the month due to water problems for the whole town. During the extremely cold weather the inmates had to use port-a-potties. Programming was halted.

Pray the Word

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

The devil's lies will lead to your demise, so keep your eyes on the Prize! - RR

Last Month our partners equipped us to minister the Word at: Bartlett Unit, Lockhart Unit, Mt. Zion M.B.C., FPC-Bryan, Halbert Unit, Travis Unit, Del Valle Chapel (TCCC), Bastrop FCI as well as county jail visits.

Mail Bag

Ron & Katie: God is really moving in my life. He is taking me to new places. I am really happy that I was arrested because it was what rescued me. Had I not been incarcerated I would have missed finding Jesus. This holiday season was a little harder than most because of my mother's death but truly God is my Comforter. In 2 Cor. 1:3 -5 it talks about how God comforts me so I can comfort others. There have been a lot of men here that have lost someone close to them and I know how they feel. Before I would say, "I feel your pain," but I didn't have any idea how it really felt. When I lost my mother I gained a true spirit of compassion for someone that loses someone they love. I know how to minister to someone on that level now. Ron, I thank God for using you because I was lost until I met you both! G.M.

Ron & Mrs. Katie: Greetings from the North Pole. Well I'm actually around Mineral Wells but it feels like the North Pole. I already miss Bartlett but there's plenty of work to be done here. I'm at a high security facility which the old "me" is used to. I spent years locked down and full of anger and hate so I can relate to the men that are in here with me. Since I used to be "one of the crazy dudes" maybe they will be more receptive to God's Word coming from me. A lot of these poor men could sure use God's peace like I've got. I'll admit I've had to stand on Col. 1:11 - Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power for patience and longsuffering with joyfulness. God may have had to use some extra glorious power to get the joyfulness working but all in all I'm excited to be here in the trenches. Ron, I've learned so much from BBI...you and Mrs. Katie have really touched my life. I just want to thank you. D.S.

**MATTHEW 25:36
TEAM MEMBER**

...I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME...