

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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**What are giants good for?** Because of all the incredible strength they bring to life on Earth, they scare us. The Old Testament tells us in Genesis 6:4 that giants were around in Noah's time, but none of them were invited onto the ark.

The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

God sent a flood that destroyed everyone, but some of the giants came back. Moses heard about them from the spies he sent into Canaan in Numbers 13:33.

And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.

Joshua faced them in clearing Canaan in Judges 1:20.

And Hebron was given to Caleb, as Moses had said. And he drove out from it the three sons of Anak.

In the New Testament, we don't hear much about giants. But in Revelation we see creatures who are not like humans and seem to have much greater strength than humans.

So, again, **what are giants good for?** Without referencing a lot of history or Bible verses, the giants turned against God and interfered with God's plan for mankind on Earth. Consequently, God sent humans (like Joshua and Caleb and David and others) to remove them, which they did. The word "**giants**" now is often used as an adjective to describe our problems or our enemies. The natural human reaction is to be afraid of giants because of their size or their power... **for good reason!** But if God sent humans to remove them, to destroy them, should we be afraid?

Of course, they're huge, too big to fight and way more powerful than we little humans are. Then, of course, no. David was a young man. He was not tall or big, and he faced Goliath when he had no experience as a warrior. He dismissed his brothers' advice to "**go home**", and argued with King Saul about fighting the huge **9 foot 6 inch** Philistine giant. He faced off against Goliath on the valley floor and fought him in a public spectacle. We all know David won the confrontation, killed the giant, and led Israel to a victorious battle. With a slingshot and a stone.

What do we do? **Our slingshot is our relationship with God.** Our stones are what God provides, and our fight is a public spectacle... just like David's. Here's another clue: like everything else, **God allows us to face giants.** And **defeat them!**

# Welcome!

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*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

## SERMON NOTES

### BOOK OF ACTS TODAY #2

**TEXT:** Ecclesiastes 1:9; Habakkuk 1:5; 1 Samuel 1:15-20; 3:1-4 & 2 Kings 2:19-20

\_\_\_\_\_ is the vehicle through which \_\_\_\_\_ is expressed.  
Jesus laid down His \_\_\_\_\_ at Calvary and on the day of  
Pentecost picked up \_\_\_\_\_ body called the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE WITH GOD

a. It must be built on an \_\_\_\_\_ union.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ + time = \_\_\_\_\_.  
Communion + time = \_\_\_\_\_.

Samuel was able to be perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ to God in all things.

#### 2. A \_\_\_\_\_ FROM WHAT \_\_\_\_\_

We must get \_\_\_\_\_ to the New Testament and the New  
Testament way of \_\_\_\_\_ things.

\_\_\_\_\_ in love sets \_\_\_\_\_.

The instrument must \_\_\_\_\_ against all that is \_\_\_\_\_  
to God's \_\_\_\_\_! Jeremiah 9:1

#### 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD'S VOICE – Hebrews 5:14

\_\_\_\_\_ to wait on God by \_\_\_\_\_ waiting!

#### 4. A \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Samuel 15:2-3, 9

God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ anything by how \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ it is!

#### 5. A \_\_\_\_\_ HISTORY

“God does \_\_\_\_\_ except in \_\_\_\_\_ to prayer.”  
Jeremiah 15:1

“Give me ten men that \_\_\_\_\_ nothing but God and \_\_\_\_\_  
nothing but \_\_\_\_\_ and I will change the course of history.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Prayer** – every Sunday evening, from 6 –  
7 here in the sanctuary. This is informal,  
come as you are for the time you are able.  
James 5:16 (ESV):

Therefore, confess your sins to one  
another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The  
prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – we continue our study of the Book of  
Ephesians.

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