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FACING GIANTS :

SLAYING THE GIANTS IN YOUR LIFE (PART II): BREAKING THE STRONGHOLD



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COMMITTED

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8: 38-39

INSPIRED

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

VISIONARY

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

DISCIPLINED

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.

Jeremiah 1: 9-10

FEED MY FLOCK (John 21: 15-19)

We are committed to GOD's instructions that brought this program to live.

EVENTS

Among other program of events in progress include:

- Newsletter - To stay connected and informed.
- Deep Spirituality - To develop a dynamic and transformative walk with GOD through podcasts, devotionals, Youtube channel, and spotify.
- Publication of our flyers to be broadcasted on major Social Media platforms.

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

What's Happening?

We are excited to announce that Deliverance Prayer Ministry has launched a NEW website at deliveranceprayerministry.org! Some of the great NEW features include:

- Prayer live stream.
- Prayer request platform.
- Inspiring resource center.
- Opportunity to contribute to our giving fundings.
- It's safe and secure.
- You can connect or share with us.

Prayer Live Stream

Join Us Live

Wednesday: 9:00 PM - 9:30 PM [EST] &

Saturday: 7:00 - 7:30 AM [EST]

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 467 2165

Passcode: MR3pHR

Join by telephone: (646) 558-8656

Participant ID: 433387

Passcode: 812679

Join using our website:

www.deliveranceprayerministry.org

Breaking the stronghold requires that you confront the so-called giants in your life. Confrontation in this sense implies a veritable action done, fearlessly standing against unfavorable situation, challenge opposition, or obstacle standing in your path to accomplish a desire or goal. If your life must have a meaning, you must be ready for confronting and defeating any giant standing between you and your Promised Land. **"The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion."** Proverbs 28: 1. You must be bold in the power and in the strength of The Almighty, GOD.

Identify your giant. It is safe to say that, in any individual's life, home, business, and community or generation, there are giants to be slain. It does not matter if you're of the faith or not. I don't know what the giant might be for you. To some, it might be fear, it might be a word that has been spoken against you, issues relating to your bloodline and whatever the case may be. One of the things the giant will do, is, he will try to provoke and intimidate it's victims. The whole idea is to keep them below their potentials, keeping them in their tents, in confinement or lockdown, and never fulfilling all that GOD has destined for them.

In the example of David against Goliath, David identified the problem. David identified that for him to receive the rewards promised by the king, he must go and slay this giant. He continued to ask and to ascertain the facts concerning the reward for anyone who was able to bring down this giant called Goliath. We see how the story unfolded; he walked into the arena and how he slayed this giant. It was not only a personal victory, but it was a national breakthrough, to deliver his people from the oppression of the Philistines.

Another important fact is your relationship with GOD. Apostle Paul writes, saying, **"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."** Philippians 3: 10. This is not about a causal relationship, such that you only call on Him when in need or in dire situation for help. Paul is here expressing a desire to want to know CHRIST more intimately as his LORD. To know Him more by experience. The Apostle was not satisfied to remain a mere babe in CHRIST; indeed, his heart's desire was to be like Him. To walk as JESUS walked, resulting in a rich and full experience of GOD's love. This is the mark of a true believer. **"But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God [a] is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."** 1 John 2: 5-6.

"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." 1 John 3: 2-3. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. Coming to the knowledge of CHRIST is not the end of it. The process of fully knowing Him is not finished, it is ever going. This is not the end, but it is the pathway. Apostle Paul desired for all believers to yearn for this surpassing

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greatness of knowing JESUS CHRIST, as LORD. Therefore, he prayed for the believers in Ephesus in like manner. **“For this reason I bow my knees to the Father [a]of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”** Ephesians 3: 14-19.

Surely, the more we know Him, the more we love Him and the more we love Him, the more we desire to follow hard after Him. Therefore, as David stood before Goliath, he declared one thing he knew very well, that he came in the Name of The LORD, and in the power of His might. Knowing this GOD is of a paramount importance to all mankind. To discover the essence of His love and His grace towards us all. We all must know this GOD. Knowing Him is not just a casual acquaintance or information about Him. We’re living in the so-called information age; there are so many different platforms trying to inform us of how we should live our lives. **“... but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”** Daniel 11: 32. David’s personal knowledge of GOD led to his breakthrough. We need to also venture into sharing and preaching the importance of knowing GOD. Bringing His light to this world of darkness.

Another point that is worth mentioning is that we need to initiate a faith movement. This generation is looking for an act from their leaders, an act from Christians, to walk into the place of their battles and bring faith again to their generation. It starts from individuals, leaders of family, community, church, municipality, and nation. In the story of David’s conquest, we see how the whole assembly or nation was in their tents, looking into the arena, looking at this young boy in whom all hope and all responsibility lays. The Bible says the moment that Goliath fell, the moment the stone struck his forehead, the whole nation began to regain hope and faith because of the faith and courage of this young boy. Another example to consider is the story of the women with the issues of blood. She provoked GOD’s miracle of healing through faith. **“For she said to herself, ‘If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.’”** Matthew 9: 21. Her mere desire to touch JESUS’ garment would not have done it. She needed to put her faith to action. She had to press on the crowd, with determination, no matter how difficult it may be. Let this and many other examples minister grace to your situation today. JESUS says, **“Because of your [a]unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”** Matthew 17: 20

Here are some of these giants and what to remember of them in the midst of your battle...

THE GIANT OF ABANDONMENT, DESPAIR, & LONELINESS

The idea or thought of loneliness or abandonment is not of GOD, it stems from human experiences of life. It can happen to the best of us. In the darkest moments of your life when GOD seems

silent, the giant in your life often leans close to whisper certain words of discouragement, such as, “Where is your GOD?” “He’s no longer with you?” Many other discouraging thoughts creep in, to create doubt and unbelief. It is always easy to believe that GOD is with you in the good moments, when the skies are sunny, when your marriage is blossoming, it is well at your job, kids doing good at school, and all things aligned as they should. We often say with the expression, “GOD is good.” The fact is, GOD is ever good, and will not cease to be good. **“He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? 10 He who [a]nstructs the [b]nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge?”** Psalms 94: 9-10. In Psalms 100: 5, it says, **“For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.”** On the contrary, when everything goes sideways, when you’re thrust into a sudden crisis, it’s easy to question where GOD is. As a Christian, if you are not well-grounded in your faith, you might be tempted to believe that you are not upright with GOD or that your faith is shaky.

Let’s consider the story of Elijah, the man of GOD who had just experienced a mountaintop victory over the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18: 20-40). This mountaintop experience is not what many devoted servants of GOD can boast of in their ministry. The story that follows was him running away from Queen Jezebel. The Scripture says, **“But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a [a]broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, ‘It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!’”** I Kings 19: 4. This was the same Elijah that appeared with Moses and JESUS on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17). Moses likewise was not exempted. After experiencing barrage of complaints and frustration from the children of Israel, he thought the next thing for him was for GOD to take his life. Feeling the weight of his responsibility and felt abandoned, “So Moses said to the Lord, **“Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the [a]burden of all these people on me? 12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,’ to the land which You swore[b] to their fathers? 13 Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ 14 I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. 15 If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in Your sight—and do not let me see my wretchedness!”** Number 11: 11-15.

What about the Disciples, live and dine with JESUS? When JESUS told His Disciples, **“Let us cross to the other side.”** Mark 4: 35. Through their journey, a great storm arose, and the waves beat into the little boat they were in. In the meantime, JESUS was asleep in the stern on a pillow. The Disciple came to Him, saying, **“Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”** Mark 4: 38. The He arose and rebuked the storm. **“Peace be still.”** Verse 39. JESUS challenged their faith **“Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?”** Verse 40. With CHRIST in the boat with you, must you still be afraid? He lives inside of you.

“...Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Colossians 1: 27

THE GIANT OF FEAR

The giant of fear likes to torment its victims with questions about things that haven’t happened yet. The fear of the unknown. You usually recognize it because most of its taunts start with the phrase “What if...?” and then things begin to degenerate to the point of depression. This giant likes to tell you that things will never get better. It wants you to give up all hope, for you to abandon the idea that GOD is at work in the middle of your messy life. Whose report would you believe? We shall believe the report of The LORD. In such moments, it’s natural to want to run and hide. But instead of hiding out, reach out to your Heavenly Father, and He’ll help you fight your giant. Rely on His many promises from Scriptures...

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” II Timothy 1: 7

“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31: 6

“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41: 10

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.” Isaiah 43: 2

“The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword; My hand shall destroy them.’” Exodus 15: 9. The righteous would say, **“I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.”** Psalms 34: 4. The words of encouragement to you, **“Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”** I Peter 5: 7

THE GIANT OF SHAME AND GUILT

Dealing with the giant of shame or guilt can be very challenging. The Scripture says, **“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”** Romans 3: 23. It is an inherent nature of man, stemming from the transgression of Adam and his wife Eve at the Garden of Eden. It has then become part of human nature. We often have the awful feelings of shame and guilt associated with our sins. These are powerful emotions that leave you feeling defective, offensive, undesirable, and even feeling damaged beyond repair. The devil himself will constantly be reminding of you of your sins, in his attempt to keep you down in the pit of desperation.

However, when we come to know JESUS, and accepted Him into our lives as our LORD and Savior, even the most unthinkable sins are wiped clean. **“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor [a]homosexuals, nor [b]sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you**

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were [c]sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.” I Corinthians 6: 9-11.

As Christians, we are free from the stain of sin, through Him Who died for us on the cross. It does not always mean that we are free from the feelings of shame and guilt associated with those sins and just because we experience forgiveness, does not mean our memory of it was wiped out. We just need to believe that we’ve been forgiven, and also learn to forgive ourselves.

When a believer experiences feelings of shame and guilt, you should do the following: Confess, if you are aware of the sins in your life, confess them to The LORD. Admit the wrong you have done and ask GOD to forgive you. Then get it off of your chest. Even if Satan reminds you again, acknowledge to him that you’ve been forgiven. Resist the giant and he will flee from you (James 4: 7). Let us learn from the sin of David when he took Bathsheba and have her husband killed in battle. He said, **“When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”** Psalms 32: 3-5. Whenever possible, try to fix the harm your sin has caused. Say you are sorry and try to make amends. Trust His promise to forgive us when we sin. In I John 1: 9 it says, **“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** I John 1: 9. It does say GOD will forgive us and then turn His back on us. It says, He will forgive us and cleanse us.

You must stay rooted in your relationship with The LORD, and He will help to direct you to a pathway where you can leave your shame and guilt behind. GOD Himself says He will not remember them because they will be cast into the dept of the sea. **“Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy.[a] 19 He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all [b]our sins Into the depths of the sea.”** Micah 7: 18-19.

THE GIANT OF LACK

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4: 19. GOD is able to meet all needs and desires according to His unlimited resources. It does not mean that believers will never experience times of need. Apostle Paul himself often endured trouble, lack of funds, hunger, and persecution. According to Philippians 4: 12, he has learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance, and need. What this passage of The Bible (Philippians 4: 19) promises is that GOD’s faithful servants will be fully supplied with what they need to continue to serve The LORD. Apostle Paul knows GOD to be trustworthy. We can say, “My GOD shall supply all my needs,” when we trust Him to provide what we lack. Sometimes, what we really need is the strength to persevere through times of hardship.

GOD is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things and at all times, having all that you need, and you will abound in every good work (II Corinthians 9: 8). David says, **“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not [a]want. 2 He makes me to lie down in [b]green pastures; He leads me beside the [c]still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”** Psalms 23: 1-4. The image of GOD as A Shepherd highlights His personal care, guidance, and protection. Even in the face of death, we’re to trust GOD.

This particular giant will often points out all of the unmet needs around you. The idea is that he wants you to focus solely on your needs and never to look to The Provider. The Word of GOD helps to refocus and see The One Who delights in providing for you and your loved ones. He is The One Who will help you fight against this giant. **“He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.”** Psalms 111: 5 **“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”** II Corinthians 9: 8. **“Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one [a]cubit to his [b]stature? 28 “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not [c]arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’”** Matthew 6: 26-31.



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