

# Facing Your Giants Sunday June 08, 2008

I'm not preaching anything new this morning. It is probably a message you've heard many times. However, I have a strong sense in my spirit that there are many who need to hear this message this morning. And there are many who need the miracle working power of God released into their lives through the preaching of God's Word and the power of His Spirit.

All of us face giants at different times in our lives

Giants: sickness/disease, financial debt, financial need, finding a marriage partner, divorce, broken marriage, failure in studies, failure in your professional life, failure in business, people who have hindered you in some way – failed to believe in you, slandered you, some character problem, addiction, bondage, humanly impossible task, etc.,

Are there impossibilities staring in your face?

Feelings of hopelessness tends to grip your mind.

What you are experiencing may be far short of what God has promised in His Word.

### #1. Don't Lose Your Dream

Have a God-sized dream.

If God is your partner what you attempt to do must be in proportion to God's ability not yours!

Don't let the "How" and "When" rob you of the "What"!

Numbers 13, 14

#### Numbers 13:30-33

30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."

13:31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we."

32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.

33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

#### Numbers 14:6-9

6 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land.

8 If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'



9 Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them."

Don't let the size of the problem intimidate you!

God is a BIG God! There is nothing impossible for Him!

## **#2. Strengthen Your Faith**

Hebrews 11:33, 34

33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Guard your faith!

Matthew 14:24-32

Matthew 14:28-32

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

Feed your faith and starve your doubts!

Fear is an enemy of your faith – fight it! Worry is an enemy of your faith – fight it!

No pit is too deep that God can't pull you out! No night is too dark that God cannot light up! No mountain is too tall that God cannot move! No problem is too difficult for God to solve! So what are you worried about!

Don't let your own words defeat you!

## **#3. Confront Your Giant**

1 Samuel 17:48

So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that <u>David hurried</u> <u>and ran</u> toward the army to meet the Philistine.

Face your giant! Run into the battle!



You will not conquer you giant by being passive!

Work diligently Do your work with Wisdom! Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 2:14





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