

The Giant that Slew David

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1 Corinthians 10:12

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We are never more vulnerable in our lives spiritually, than when we are experiencing earthly success.

The giant who is going to cause you the most trouble dwells within your own heart right now.

1. The Personality of David's Giant

In the spring when kings march out to war, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah, but David remained in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:1

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Then David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

2 Samuel 5:12–13

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After he arrived from Hebron,
David took more concubines and
wives from Jerusalem, and more
sons and daughters were born to
him.

2 Samuel 5:12–13

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“When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, take possession of it, live in it, and say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations around me,’ you are to appoint over you the king the Lord your God chooses. Appoint a king from your brothers. You are not to set a foreigner over you, or one who is not of your people. However, he must not acquire many horses for himself or send the people back to Egypt to acquire many horses, for the Lord has told you, ‘You are never to go back that way again.’ He must not acquire many wives for himself so that his heart won’t go astray. He must not acquire very large amounts of silver and gold for himself.

Deuteronomy 17:14–17

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David had a giant, and if a name had to be attached to this giant, I think "Lust" would be appropriate.

Identity of your giant. Admitting that it exists is the first step in seeing it defeated!

There are several factors that combined to allow David's own giant the power to attack his life.

1. Neglect of Duty

2. Idle Time

3. Success

4. Pride

5. Arrogance

6. Neglect of the Spiritual Man

David's giant was something that he allowed to thrive in his own life. He could have prevented what happened had he taken the proper steps.

David's giant, and the giants that we face do not usually come from without. They come from within.

No one undergoing a trial should say, "I am being tempted by God," since God is not tempted by evil, and he himself doesn't tempt anyone. But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire.

James 1:13–14

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2. The Power of David's Giant

**A. It Had The Power To Ensnare His
Mind**

One evening David got up from his bed and strolled around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing—a very beautiful woman. So David sent someone to inquire about her...

2 Samuel 11:2–3a

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Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death.

James 1:15

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For everything in the world—the
lust of the flesh, the lust of the
eyes, and the pride in one's
possessions—is not from the
Father, but is from the world.

1 John 2:16

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Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6–9

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Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things. Do what you have learned and received and heard from me, and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:6–9

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For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3–5

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B. It Had The Power To Erase His
Reason

So David sent someone to inquire about her, and he said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, daughter of Eliam and wife of Uriah the Hethite?"

2 Samuel 11:3

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James 1:15

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C. It Had The Power To Eclipse His
God

David sent messengers to get her, and when she came to him, he slept with her. Now she had just been purifying herself from her uncleanness. Afterward, she returned home.

2 Samuel 11:4

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Do not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:14

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3. The Problem with David's Giant

A. It Led Him Down A Deceptive Path

The woman conceived and sent word to inform David,
“I am pregnant.”

2 Samuel 11:5–13

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David sent orders to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hethite." So Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the troops were doing and how the war was going. Then he said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king followed him. But Uriah slept at the door of the palace with all his master's servants; he did not go down to his house.

2 Samuel 11:5–13

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When it was reported to David, “Uriah didn’t go home,” David questioned Uriah, “Haven’t you just come from a journey? Why didn’t you go home?”

Uriah answered David, “The ark, Israel, and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my master Joab and his soldiers are camping in the open field. How can I enter my house to eat and drink and sleep with my wife? As surely as you live and by your life, I will not do this!”

2 Samuel 11:5–13

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“Stay here today also,” David said to Uriah, “and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and the next. Then David invited Uriah to eat and drink with him, and David got him drunk. He went out in the evening to lie down on his cot with his master’s servants, but he did not go home.

2 Samuel 11:5–13

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The one who conceals his sins
will not prosper,
but whoever confesses and
renounces them
will find mercy.

Proverbs 28:13

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

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B. It Led Him Down A Deepening Path

The next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In the letter he wrote:

Put Uriah at the front of the fiercest fighting, then withdraw from him so that he is struck down and dies.

When Joab was besieging the city, he put Uriah in the place where he knew the best enemy soldiers were. Then the men of the city came out and attacked Joab, and some of the men from David's soldiers fell in battle; Uriah the Hethite also died.

2 Samuel 11:14–25

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Joab sent someone to report to David all the details of the battle. He commanded the messenger, "When you've finished telling the king all the details of the battle—if the king's anger gets stirred up and he asks you, 'Why did you get so close to the city to fight? Didn't you realize they would shoot from the top of the wall? At Thebez, who struck Abimelech son of Jerubbesheth? Didn't a woman drop an upper millstone on him from the top of the wall so that he died? Why did you get so close to the wall?'—then say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hethite is dead also.' " Then the messenger left.

2 Samuel 11:14–25

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When he arrived, he reported to David all that Joab had sent him to tell. The messenger reported to David, "The men gained the advantage over us and came out against us in the field, but we counterattacked right up to the entrance of the city gate. However, the archers shot down on your servants from the top of the wall, and some of the king's servants died. Your servant Uriah the Hethite is also dead."

David told the messenger, "Say this to Joab: 'Don't let this matter upset you because the sword devours all alike. Intensify your fight against the city and demolish it.' Encourage him."

2 Samuel 11:14–25

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C. It Led Him Down A Devastating
Path

When Uriah's wife heard that her husband, Uriah, had died, she mourned for him. When the time of mourning ended, David had her brought to his house. She became his wife and bore him a son. However, the Lord considered what David had done to be evil.

2 Samuel 11:26–27

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through the hypocrisy of liars
whose consciences are seared.

1 Timothy 4:2

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For the wages of sin is death, but
the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

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Look, every life belongs to me. The life of the father is like the life of the son—both belong to me. The person who sins is the one who will die.

Ezekiel 18:4

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Let us not get tired of doing good,
for we will reap at the proper time
if we don't give up.

Galatians 6:9

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Conclusion

If we are not careful, there is a giant
lurking in the recesses of our heart
and his desire is our demise

So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall.

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You can have victory and you can have it today! The first step is going to be getting honest with the Lord about the battle you are fighting.

God knows how to restore you and help you out of sin's grip.

You do not have to lose the battle
with your giant! You can have victory
if you want it!