

## **Failure to Launch!** **Part 6: Facing the Giants!**

**Reasons we fail to launch... *Comfort zones we don't want to leave!*** Early Church family couldn't leave the nest **A1.8 v. 8.1 *Stuff in the way!*** Like Israel: giants, walls **Num13.28-33 *Things we see that cause us to doubt:*** wind, waves Mt 14.30 demon effects **Mt17 *Un-reasonable fear!*** **1Kings 17-19 *Stuff that grabs us/drags behind us!***

**Going to finish where we began, dealing with "giants!"** Giants that defy us, defeat us, drag on behind us! **And not all of them come in "bodily" form!**

**Numbers 13-14** And Moses sent spies into the land of Canaan and they returned after forty days and they said it really is a land flowing with milk and honey and giant fruit... but the people who are there are strong, and the cities are big and walled and there are giants there..." and Caleb said, "Let's go in and get it for we are able!" And the others said, "We are not able... and the people cried!" And the children of Israel murmured against Moses and the Lord saying, "why have you done this to us? Let's appoint a leader and go back to captivity!" And the Lord said, "they will not see the land I have promised them. They will all die in the wilderness. And the men who brought the doubt-full report all died of the plague before the Lord! **-FTL!**

**Giant! *Named "Inadequacy"*** You can't do it/conquer! ***Named "Ignorance of God!"*** No understanding of God and His promises... When He plans, He provides... Never takes you where He's not leading and serving! ***Named "Majority Rules"*** Would it have been different 6:6 or 7:5?

**1Samuel 17** And there came out a champion of the Philistines named Goliath, over nine feet tall, and he said, "I defy the armies of Israel – send out a man to fight with me and the winner takes the day!" And King Saul and all Israel was afraid. **FTL!** And David said, this giant will die because he has defied the armies of the living God... And David said, "you come at me with a sword and spear but I am coming to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel who you have defied. Today *I will defeat you and cut off your head and the birds and beasts will eat your carcass that all may know there is a God is Israel!*" And David killed the giant!

**Asides...** David wasn't the only giant killer! Abishai killed Ishbibenob! **2Sam21.16ff** Sibbechai slew Saph! Elhanan, a Bethlehemite (smallville), slew the brother of Goliath! There was another giant w/six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot and when he defied Israel, Jonathan slew him.

***I only need the anointing of faith in God to defeat my giants!***

**These are "giants" in "bodily" form!** And we all have people, circumstances and events... that defy God's word in us! And we need to be speaking and charging at them assured of our victory! But what about "giants" within?

**Luke 15** A certain man had two sons and the younger came to him and said, "give me the portion of your estate that belongs to me... and he divided his estate between them. And the younger son left with everything he had and went to a far country and wasted all his substance there... **FTL!**

**Giant! *The Giant lure of the world!*** "If only I had the money, I could/would..." Empty promises of "lusts-fulfilled" that comes from the world! ***Giant of Impatience...*** to reap in due season! Money would have come/right time. Maybe more ready/able to handle it! ***Giant Idol of self-rule!*** "Get this worked out for my-Self!"

**Luke 18** A certain ruler asked Him, 'what must I do to be saved,' Jesus answered and said, "there's one thing you lack, sell all you have and give the proceeds to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven and come and follow Me..." And when he heard that, he walked away very sorrowful for he was very rich!

**Giant!** The Giant of worldly possessions! A Deceiver who says, "you worked hard for what you have, it's yours!" Possessions dragging behind him... **Defying God:** "And what do you have that was not given

you? For it is God who gives the power to get wealth and it is God who protects it from the devourer!  
And what does it profit to gain the whole world and lose your soul?"

**We slay giants...** To inherit the promises of God! **Num**

*"All the promises of God are true and I will not give the enemy time to fortify his position against me... I will go in at once to possess them for I am well able to overcome the giants... I will not draw back, I will not fear, for the Lord is with me!"*

**We slay giants...** To prove God is in His Church! **1/2Sam**

*"I have faith in God... and since He has delivered me in the past He will deliver me from the hand of my giants now and in the future... I am ready to fight that my world will know that God is in me and He saves!"*

**We slay giants...** To get ourselves home! **Luke 15**

*"Even when I am not faithful, God is... and since I am accepted in the Beloved and forgiven by His blood I will return to my Father's house where I will always be accepted, restored and established... the glitz of this world is no match for gladness of being "home" so I am running to Him!*

**We slay giants...** To take our place with God! **Luke 18**

*"My life does not consist of the things I possess but in my deepening relationship with God – I love nothing more than I love Him and my affections are set on things above more than things here... by that I will store up riches in heaven and be free to take my spot on His team!"*

**As long as we are alive there will be giants to fight... But... they are only the embodiment of our fears...**

***The bigger the fear, the bigger the giant, but as we kill the fear, the smaller they get until they aren't anymore!***