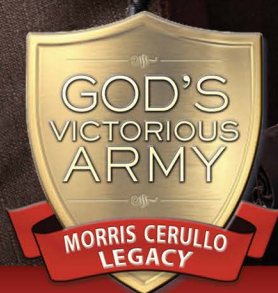
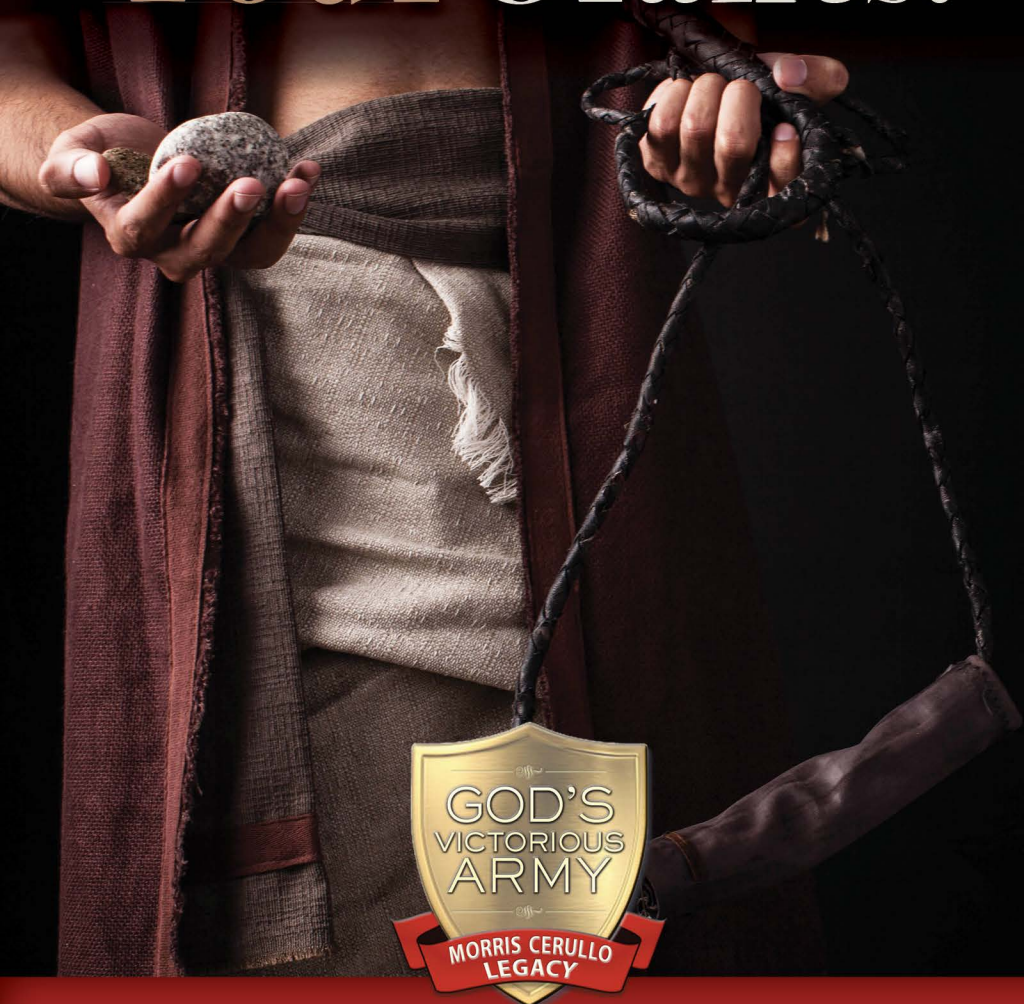


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Introduction

I am so excited to share with you my newest book, *Facing and Slaying Your Giants!* I pray that as you read, the Holy Spirit will open your spiritual eyes, and you will receive a fresh revelation of the Lord of Hosts, Who is fighting for you.

Over the past few months, you have learned major keys in the lives of Jacob, Joseph, Joshua, and Caleb that enabled them to face and overcome every obstacle in 100% victory. In this book, we will look closely at three more overcomers: David, Jehoshaphat, and Apostle Peter. As we do, you will learn key strategies they used to slay the giants in their lives and how to apply these strategies in your life.

In II Kings, chapter five, when Elisha and his servant were surrounded by the vast armies and chariots of the king of Syria, Elisha's servant was overwhelmed by fear. Elisha told him, *Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them* (II Kings 6:16). Then he prayed and asked God to open the eyes of his servant. *And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha* (II Kings 6:17).

As you receive this revelation into your spirit, I believe you will see, as never before, how the God of battles—the Lord of Hosts—and the armies of heaven are fighting for you. As you do, faith will rise up within you, and you will slay every giant you face.

Remember, until you face and slay your giants, you will be unable to enter your Promised Land and take possession of your inheritance.

God's servant and your co-laborer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morris Cerullo". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "M" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Morris Cerullo

Chapter One

Run to the Battle!

Before the children of Israel were able to take possession of the Promised Land, they had to face and slay the giants living there. Instead, they feared the giants, rebelled against God, and forfeited their inheritance. To take possession of the land Moses promised Caleb, it was necessary for him to wage war and destroy three giants—Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai—who were living on Mt. Horeb. (Joshua 15:14, Judges 1:10).

Until you face and slay your giants, you will be unable to enter your Promised Land and take possession of your inheritance!

David faced and defeated Goliath, who was over 9 feet tall and weighed approximately 650 pounds. Goliath was wearing heavy armor. His helmet weighed around 66 pounds and his brass coat of armor weighed roughly 125 pounds. Just the tip of his spear weighed approximately 15 pounds!

There are giants you must face today that are just as real and formidable as Goliath.

A giant is a major obstacle, ongoing problem, or impossibility that blocks, hinders, or stands in your way of taking possession of all that God has provided for you through Christ. It is a problem or situation, that—in the natural—seems impossible.

WHAT ARE THE GIANTS YOU FACE

The following are just a few of the formidable giants many Christians face:

- Giants of fear, doubt, and unbelief
- Giants of past failures
- Giants of rejection, shame, or insecurity
- Giants of divorce—unfaithfulness of a spouse, adultery
- Giants of family problems, broken relationships, rebellious teenagers
- Giants of physical disabilities, sickness, disease, life-threatening illnesses
- Giants of financial problems—a mountain of debt, unemployment, lack of sufficient income, living from paycheck to paycheck
- Giants of abuse

The giants you face are real.

However, you must remember that you don't have to face them alone. The Lord of Hosts is with you, to fight for you and give you total victory.

You must first identify the giants in your life. Do not ignore or run from them in fear. Like David, you must face and slay them in the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

HOW DO YOU REACT TO THE GIANTS IN YOUR LIFE?

Many people look at the great victory David won against Goliath and attribute it to his courage and strength. But, as we look closely at this familiar story, we can clearly see that Goliath was defeated not because of who David was or his strength and abilities.

David defeated Goliath because the Lord of Hosts fought for him.

Goliath—a champion of the Philistine army, wielding his spear, sword, and javelin, along with his armor bearer—had come before the armies of Israel twice a day for forty days. He had threatened, intimidated, and defied the armies of Israel until they were paralyzed with fear.

Goliath said, *I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid* (I Samuel 17:10-11). The word *dismayed* translated in the Greek Septuagint refers to “great astonishment, even to the point of losing one’s mind.”

The reason why Saul and the armies of Israel were so bound by fear was because they were reacting in the flesh—walking by sight, not faith. Their focus was on Goliath—his size, strength, and weapons. In the natural, the situation seemed hopeless, impossible! Saul and the armies of Israel saw Goliath and forgot God’s power to deliver them. Their eyes were blinded by their perception of their enemy.

As you look at the giants in your life, where is your focus?
Is it on how big your giants are? Or on the bigness of your God?
Don’t focus your prayers on telling God how big your giants are.
Start telling your giants how big your God is!

TO SLAY YOUR GIANTS, YOU MUST HAVE A TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

In I Samuel 17:21-26, we read that as David talked with his brothers, Goliath came up before Israel ... as he had been doing for

more than one month ... and began to defy, taunt, and harass them. When the men of Israel saw Goliath, they all ran. *And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid* (I Samuel 17:24). Their eyes were focused on Goliath—not Jehovah God Almighty!

Notice David's reaction to Goliath, in contrast with Saul and the armies of Israel. David was not fearful. He was *disturbed* that an uncircumcised Philistine would so blatantly defy and ridicule the armies of God. He said, ... *for who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should taunt the armies of the living God?* (I Samuel 17:26). He saw that Goliath's words were not just an insult against the armies of Israel, but were also a verbal attack against the integrity and character of **the living God**.

David did not shrink back in fear. He did not react in the flesh, but in the Spirit. He was walking by faith and not by sight. He walked onto the scene, a man empowered by the Spirit of the Lord of Hosts! He did not give in to the intimidation and threats of Goliath, because he had a personal experience with the Presence and power of the Lord of Hosts. David later wrote the encouraging words of Psalm 27:1: *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

David's strength and courage was not in himself. The Spirit of God had come upon him when Samuel had anointed him, as God had directed. *Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward ...* (I Samuel 16:13, AMPC). As he faced Goliath, the Spirit of the Lord rose up within him, and he was ready to fight and defeat him in the Name of the Lord.

As you face your giants, you must not be fearful or try to face them in your own strength or power. You must have a total dependence upon the power of the Holy Spirit within you, and know that God will give you total victory, in Jesus' Name.

Refuse to be defeated! Don't listen to Satan's lies or be intimidated by the enormity of the challenges you face. As an overcomer, remember that ... *greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world* (I John 4:4), and, *If God be for us, who can be against us?* (Romans 8:31). Don't go out into battle unprepared to face your giants. Wait upon God in prayer until you know, beyond all doubt, that God is with you and will fight for you.

TO SLAY YOUR GIANTS, FOCUS ON THE GREATNESS OF YOUR GOD

Even before David faced Goliath in battle, he had to overcome the negativity and unbelief of Saul. Saul was not trusting in God to deliver them in this battle against Goliath. After Samuel anointed David, the Spirit of the Lord had come upon David and had departed from Saul. (I Samuel 16:14). When David told Saul he would fight Goliath, Saul told him, *You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth* (I Samuel 17:33, NASB).

As you go out to face the giants in your life, you must also be ready to face those who will tell you, "It can't be done ... You're too young ... You aren't strong enough ... Your circumstances are insurmountable." Satan will try to convince you that the giants are too strong and that you are no match for them. He will try to get you focused on the impossibilities rather than trusting in the greatness of Almighty God.

David was not discouraged by Saul's unbelief. He began to recount the supernatural victories God had given him. He told how God had enabled him to singlehandedly kill a lion and bear while tending his father's sheep, and He knew the Lord of Hosts—Whom he served—would deliver Goliath into his hands. David had personally killed the lion and bear, but he understood that his deliverance was by the hand of the Lord. There was no doubt or fear. Listen to his declaration of faith: "*The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine*" (I Samuel 17:37).

When you are in trouble or face formidable giants, and there is no hope in the natural, where do you run? Are you trusting in the arm of the flesh, or in the Lord of Hosts? Is your major focus and trust in your resources, wisdom, and abilities? Or, do you find your help and counsel in waiting upon God in prayer?

DAVID'S BATTLE CRY

Instead of running *from* Goliath, David ran *to* the battle to fight and defeat him. *When the Philistine came forward to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine* (I Samuel 17:48, AMPC). As he faced Goliath, he wasn't trusting in the security or strength of Saul's armor.

He wasn't trusting in his own strength.

He had a secret weapon: the Name of the Lord of Hosts!

David took his staff in his hand, bent down and picked up five smooth stones from the brook, put them in his shepherd's bag, and then took his sling in his hand.

As he faced Goliath, this was his battle cry:

... You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the ranks of Israel, Whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will smite you and cut off your head. And I will give the corpses of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands,

I Samuel 17:45-47, AMPC

Within this powerful battle cry are five major keys that will enable you to slay your giants:

1. You must have a total dependence on the Holy Spirit and focus on the greatness of God.
2. You must know God as the Lord of Hosts and face your giants in the power and authority of His great Name.
3. David said, *This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand.* You must face your giants knowing THIS DAY the Lord will deliver them into your hands.
4. Your victory will be a testimony of the greatness of Jehovah God Almighty and will bring glory to His Name.
5. You must know that THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S!

Run to the Battle!

The first step you must take before you can slay the giants in your life is to identify them. After reviewing the definition in Chapter One of what a giant is, take time to prayerfully identify the giants you are currently facing and write them down below.

As you look at the giants in your life, determine where your focus is. Is it on how big your giants are, or on the bigness of your God? What majority of your time do you spend on focusing on the giants ... as compared to how much time you focus on God, His power, and His promises to you?

Review the five major keys that will enable you to slay your giants, mentioned in Chapter One. Select one of the five keys and explain how you will use it to slay the giants you are now facing.

Make this a declaration of your faith:

“As I identify and face the giants in my life, I will not shrink back in fear. I will not react in the flesh but in the Spirit. I will face my giants in the power and authority of His great Name, knowing He will deliver them into my hands.”

Chapter Two

The Battle is the Lord's!

The only sounds that could be heard on the battlefield in the valley of Elah was the whirring sound of David's sling as he swung his arm and aimed at Goliath ... and the sound of the stone ... swoosh, swoosh, swoosh ... as it flew through the air and hit its target. With just one blow, from one smooth stone, Goliath's knees crumbled and he fell to the ground with a loud thundering crash. David quickly ran to the fallen giant, took Goliath's sword, and cut off his head.

When the Philistines saw that Goliath—their champion—was dead, they ran in defeat. A shout of victory from the armies of Israel resounded throughout the valley, as they pursued and defeated the Philistines.

This historic battle was actually not between David and Goliath. It was between the Lord of Hosts and the enemies of Israel. There was no doubt in David's mind that the Lord of Hosts had defeated Israel's enemies. He boldly told Goliath, *You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts ...* (I Samuel 17:45, NASB). He wasn't facing Goliath in his own strength, but in the power of the Spirit. He told him, *This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands ...* (I Samuel 17:46, NASB).

David knew that this battle was the Lord's and there was absolutely no doubt or uncertainty that He would deliver Goliath

into his hands. He said, *And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands* (I Samuel 17:47).

FACE AND SLAY YOUR GIANTS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OF HOSTS

As you face your giants, the one major thing you must understand is that you cannot win the battle through your own efforts, strength, wisdom, or abilities. When you face insurmountable circumstances and have reached a dead-end, where it seems you are failing and powerless, run to Jehovah-Sabaoth—the Lord of Hosts. Then say to the giants, *You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Hosts!*

Instead of ignoring or running from the giants, run forward to the battle. Run to the Name of the Lord. *The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the [consistently] righteous man [upright and in right standing with God] runs into it and is safe, high [above evil] and strong* (Proverbs 18:10, AMPC). This promise includes all of the names and titles of the Lord, and there are more than 360 found throughout the Word!

Throughout his life, David learned to trust in the Name of the Lord. He said, *May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you up on high [and defend you]* (Psalm 20:1, AMPC); *Some trust in and boast of chariots and some of horses, but we will trust in and boast in the name of the Lord our God* (Psalm 20:7, AMPC).

As you face the giants in your life, where is your trust?
Are you trusting in your strength, wisdom and abilities ...
in your bank account? When you face obstacles or impossible
circumstances and there is no hope in the natural, who do you run to?

David was faced with an immovable force—the giant, Goliath—with no human hope of victory. However, in his private battles as a shepherd, protecting his father's sheep, David had experienced deliverance by the power of God. He learned, *Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts* (Zechariah 4:6).

David knew the Lord of Hosts and held fast to this truth. He stood firm, rejecting the negative, discouraging words from his brothers and from King Saul. He instead chose to focus not on the size or strength of Goliath, but on the size of His great God, whom He had learned to trust through his own battles.

David boldly and confidently faced Goliath knowing that the victory was assured because the battle was not his, but the Lord of Hosts! The battle was not by sword or spear. It was not by David's power or might, but by God's Spirit. He knew the Lord of Hosts was with him and there was no room for defeat!

KNOW AND TRUST THAT THE LORD OF HOSTS IS WITH YOU!

God has given you His glorious Name ... revealing Who He is, His character, and His ways. This is where you must run to in your time of trouble when you face your giants.

David's victory was dependent upon *knowing* that the Lord of Hosts was with him, that He would fight for him, and give him victory over Goliath. When he faced Goliath, he remembered that the Lord of Hosts, the God of battles, the Captain of all principalities, powers, and spiritual forces—every angelic being, and all the powers of heaven and earth under His control—was with him.

The armies of Israel had the same God on their side that David had on his. What was the difference? David **knew** his God! He had personally experienced God's deliverance and victory in the battles he faced out on the hillside, over the bear and lion. His trust was anchored in the Lord of Hosts.

Listen to David's declaration of faith: *The Lord also will be a refuge and a high tower for the oppressed, a refuge and a stronghold in times of trouble [high cost, destitution, and desperation]. And they who know Your name [who have experience and acquaintance with Your mercy] will lean on and confidently put their trust in You, for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek (inquire of and for) You [on the authority of God's Word and the right of their necessity.]* (Psalm 9:9-10, AMPC).

Your victory over the giants in your life is dependent on knowing and trusting in Jehovah-Sabaoth—Lord of Hosts. Head knowledge is not enough! You must seek to know Him experientially. When giants rear their ugly heads, you must face them based on your relationship and knowledge of Who God is.

JEHOVAH-SABAOTH ... THE LORD OF HOSTS IS YOUR STRONG TOWER!

One of the greatest revelations believers can have is that the awesome, all-powerful Lord of Hosts is with them. Knowing God by His great Name, Jehovah Sabaoth—Lord of Hosts, will enable you to face every trial, every satanic attack, and every spiritual battle with total confidence and full assurance that you will be victorious.

Why? Because the Lord of Hosts is in command of the heavenly hosts and He will wage war on your behalf. There is absolutely no possibility of defeat as long as you trust Him.

Jehovah-Sabaoth—the Lord of Hosts—occurs over 270 times in the Old Testament. It is used in scripture when a man or woman is at the end of their rope. Jehovah-Sabaoth, or Lord of Hosts, is the strong tower God has provided for those times when all our resources are inadequate and there is no other help.

THE LORD OF HOSTS IS YOUR DIVINE WARRIOR AND KING!

Lord of Hosts and *Lord God of Hosts* describe Jehovah as both divine Warrior and divine King.

Lord of Hosts is the military name of God. The word *hosts* is derived from a Hebrew word meaning “to wage war.” He is the divine commander of the hosts of heaven: the stars (Isaiah 40:26; Genesis 2:11), the angels (Psalm 103:20, 21), the armies of Israel (Exodus 12:41), and all who trust in Him (Psalm 46:7, 11).

In Psalm 46:11 we read, *The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge*. Lord of Hosts translated from the Greek Septuagint is *dunamis*, which speaks of One with inherent ability able to produce a strong effect. The Greek translation literally reads, “Lord the *dunamis* God,” the One who is able to carry out whatever He deems fit and proper.

In Psalm 24, David refers to the King of glory as the Lord of Hosts: *Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle ... Who is this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of glory* (Psalm 24:8, 10).

Amos used this majestic name to describe beautifully God's attributes of sovereignty, omniscience, and omnipotence. *For behold, He who forms mountains and creates the wind And declares to man what are his thoughts, He who makes dawn into darkness And treads on the high places of the earth, the LORD God*

of hosts is His name (Amos 4:13, NASB).



THIS DAY THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL FIGHT AND SLAY YOUR GIANTS

The Lord of Hosts is the God of power and might! Nothing can stand against Him!

He is your divine Warrior and King! The giants you face cannot remain as you face and slay them in His all-powerful Name!

It is not enough for you to recognize that God is all-powerful. You need to acknowledge Him as *your* Yahweh Sabaoth—the Lord of Hosts—and know with a certainty that He will fight for you!

Knowing God as *your* Yahweh Sabaoth—the Lord of Hosts, your divine Warrior and King—run to Him, crying out in your time of need when all hope seems to be lost and you face certain defeat.

Regardless of the giants in your life, face them in the Name of the Lord of Hosts, knowing that the battle belongs to Him and He *will* deliver you. After identifying the giants, begin to face them one by one in the power and authority of the Lord of Hosts!

Say to the giants of terminal illness, sickness, and disease, “THIS DAY you are going down!” Tell the giants of bankruptcy, debt, and insufficient income, “THIS DAY the Lord of Hosts will deliver me out of your hands!” Say, “Giants of fear and depression, you cannot enter my life! Giant of divorce, you are defeated. THIS DAY, the Lord of Hosts is fighting my battle!”

When the battle rages and fear sweeps over you, remember the battles you face are not yours.

The battle is the Lord’s! The Lord of Hosts ensures your victory!

The Battle is the Lord's!

Your victory over the giants in your life is dependent on knowing and trusting in Jehovah-Sabaoth—the Lord of Hosts. When giants rear their ugly heads, you must face them based on your relationship and knowledge of Who God is to you! Write down five different scripture references referring to the Lord of Hosts and explain what these scriptures reveal about Him.

The Lord of Hosts is your divine Warrior and King. He will fight your battles for you! Review past victories and deliverances where God has fought for you and write one of them down below. Explain how God fought for you and the victories He gave you.

Make this a declaration of your faith:

“The Lord of Hosts is my divine Warrior and King. He will fight my battles for me. There is no possibility of defeat as long as I trust Him.”

Facing and Slaying Your Giants

Chapter Three

Take Your Position as a Giant Slayer

In your personal battles with the giants you face, are you listening to their threats and intimidation, like those that David faced with Goliath?

Twice a day for forty days, Goliath came out before the armies of Israel and defied them. Day after day, he ridiculed and hurled insults at them until they were so seized with fear that all the men of Israel ran from him—except David.

The giants of fear and intimidation will try to convince you that you are weak, powerless, and unable to overcome in the adverse circumstances you face. When you receive the doctor's report concerning your physical condition about a sickness or disease that is afflicting you, almost immediately, the giants of fear and intimidation will come against you. They will tell you that nothing can be done. You will have to live on medication the rest of your life. Or, they will lie and try to convince you that your sickness is critical and you are going to die.

When you face a financial crisis, the giants of fear and intimidation will tell you that your debt is so great that it is impossible for you to ever be debt free. They will try to make you think that there is no possible way out, that you will go bankrupt and lose everything. They may try to make you think you will lose your job and will not have any source of income.

Giants of fear and intimidation will lie to you when you face major family problems. They will tell you that divorce is the only answer, the problems you face in your marriage are too complex, things have gone too far, and there is no hope of reconciliation. They will tell you that your son or daughter hooked on drugs is a hopeless addict, they will be a drug addict the rest of their lives, and there is nothing that can be done to save them.

AS A GIANT SLAYER, REFUSE TO LISTEN TO THE LIES OF THE GIANTS YOU FACE

Don't listen to the lies of the giants you face! Like David, refuse to be defeated! He shut out the lies of Goliath and defeated him through his faith and trust in the Lord of Hosts. To slay your giants, you must reject their lies and release your trust in God. David, the giant slayer said, *What time I am afraid, I will have confidence and put my trust and reliance in You. By [the help of] God I will praise His word; on God I lean, rely, and confidently put my trust; I will not fear. What can man, who is flesh, do to me?* (Psalm 56:3-4, AMPC).

As a giant slayer, fear has no place in your life. Look your giants in the eyes and say: *For God has not given me the spirit of fear; put of power, and of love, and of a sound mind* (II Timothy 1:7). "The Lord of Hosts is with me. I will not fear because my trust is in Him. He will deliver me in my time of trouble. I will not fear! What can man do to me? Since the Lord of Hosts is with me, He will fight my battles and give me total victory!"

JEHOSHAPHAT FACED AND DEFEATED THE GIANT OF FEAR

King Jehoshaphat was an overcomer who refused to be defeated. One of the major keys to his victories in the battles he

faced against Israel's enemies is the fact that in his early years he set his face to seek God wholeheartedly. (II Chronicles 17:3-4).

When Judah was surrounded and outnumbered by the Moabites and Ammonites, the word reached Jehoshaphat. *Some people came and told Jehoshaphat "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar (that is, En Gedi)"* (II Chronicles 20:2, NIV).

When he heard this news, he had to face the giant of fear. *And Jehoshaphat feared ...* (II Chronicles 20:3). Hazezon Tamar was only fifteen miles from Jerusalem, less than a day's march away. The enemies of Israel were in a position to strike Jerusalem, the capital city of Judah.

The crisis was overwhelming.

In the natural, Jehoshaphat faced defeat at the hands of the vast army surrounding Israel. However, he refused to be defeated. He refused to give in to the giant of fear. The first step to overcome fear is to face it. Jehoshaphat faced his fear and put into practice spiritual strategies to overcome it.

FOUR STRATEGIES TO ACTIVATE IN SLAYING YOUR GIANTS

Look closely at the four major spiritual strategies Jehoshaphat used against the giants coming against him:

1. The very first thing he did was to **seek God**. *And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD ...* (II Chronicles 20:3). He did not lean to the arm of the flesh and call the captains of his army to discuss and plan their battle strategies. Before taking any further action, he first set his focus on God.

Seeking God is much more than a ten, fifteen, or thirty minute prayer. It requires a wholehearted desire to know God and His ways—to hear what He is saying—to know His direction. **When you face the giants in your life, the first thing you must do is to set your focus on God and seek His face.** David said, *When You said, “Seek My face,” My heart said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek* (Psalm 27:8, NKJV). In your times of trouble and desperation, you need to know your God, the Lord of Hosts, is with you and He will not fail you!

2. Jehoshaphat called a nationwide fast and **cried out to God, knowing there was no greater power.** The people responded by coming to Jerusalem, from every town in Judah, to seek the Lord. (II Chronicles 20:13).

Jehoshaphat stood up before the people assembled in the house of the Lord, before the new court, and began to cry out to God.

First, he called on the God of his fathers. He said, *LORD, God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you* (II Chronicles 20:5-6, NIV).

Then, Jehoshaphat recognized God as being his God and the God of Israel who had fought for them. He remembered God’s faithfulness in the past, and He knew His great power on Israel’s behalf. (II Chronicles 20:7). Jehoshaphat knew that no one—no power—could defeat and remove them from the land without His permission.

As you face your giants, remember God's faithfulness in the past, when He has delivered you and given you victory. Regardless of how desperate the crisis or circumstances are that you face, come before God, and acknowledge that He is in control and there is no power in heaven, on earth, or in hell that can withstand Him.

3. To slay your giants, **you must stand in faith and plead the promises God has given you.** Jehoshaphat reminded God of His promise He made to the children of Israel. He said that when they faced destruction by sword, plague, or famine, if they would stand in His Presence in the Temple and cry out to Him in their time of trouble, He would hear and deliver them.

God's Word in your mouth is a powerful weapon to destroy every giant you will ever face! God has bound Himself to His Word. *God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?* (Numbers 23:19). Go to God, claiming His promises and asking Him to intervene supernaturally on your behalf to enable you to face and defeat the enemy.

4. Jehoshaphat acknowledged Judah's weakness against their enemies and their **total dependence upon God.** Before the entire assembly of the people of Judah, Jehoshaphat prayed, *Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.*" (II Chronicles 20:12, NIV).

As you face your giants, you must realize, in yourself, you have no power. You cannot slay your giants depending on your natural strength, wisdom, or abilities. There are adverse circumstances, difficulties, and crises you will face when, like Jehoshaphat, you won't know what to do. The one thing you must do is to look up into the face of God and say, "I don't know what to do! I have no strength against this giant. But my eyes are upon You! My trust, my confidence, my faith is in You and Your Word that cannot fail!"

KNOW THAT THE LORD HAS POSITIONED YOU FOR TOTAL VICTORY

As Jehoshaphat humbled himself before the Lord in prayer, the Spirit came upon Jahaziel, and he spoke the Word of the Lord to the people: ... *Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's* (II Chronicles 20:15, NIV).

Let these words go deep into your spirit. Regardless of the size of the giants you face, or the battles you must wage, you can know beyond all doubt that the battle belongs to the Lord and that He is fighting for you!

Your victory is assured! The Lord of Hosts is on your side and you are positioned for total victory in every area of your life.

TO SLAY YOUR GIANTS, FILL YOUR MOUTH WITH THE HIGH PRAISES OF GOD

God revealed to Jehoshaphat the location of the enemy and told the army to go down against them, but they would not have to fight. God said, ... *Take up your positions; stand firm and see the*

deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.” (II Chronicles 20:17, NIV).

God promised them victory over their enemies and told them they would not have to fight. However, He still sent them out to face their enemies. As you face your giants, God is saying to you: “Take your position! Stand firm—don’t give one inch to the enemy! Do not be afraid or discouraged! Face your giants knowing I am with you!”

The next day, Jehoshaphat appointed singers to go before the armies of Israel, singing praises to God. As they praised and worshipped, the Lord set ambushes against their enemies and they were defeated!

Praise in your mouth is another powerful weapon that will enable you to slay your giants. Even before you see the victory, begin to praise Him in faith, knowing He has already fought your battle and you are the winner!

Face your giants singing His praises! In Psalm 149:6, we read, *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand ...* As you praise God in faith for giving you the victory, your giants—like Goliath—will crumble and fall to the ground with a loud thundering crash!

Take Your Position as a Giant Slayer

As a giant slayer, you must refuse to listen to the lies of the giants you face. In the space below, write down any lies your giants are using to intimidate you regarding the circumstances, trials, and tests you face. One by one, take authority over the lies and reject them in Jesus' Name.

Review the four strategies mentioned in chapter two to activate in slaying your giants. Select one of these strategies and explain how you will implement it in your life.

Make this a declaration of your faith:

“Through the power of the Holy Spirit, I am a giant slayer! I refuse to listen to the lies of the giants in my life. My focus is set on the Lord of Hosts. I will seek His face, knowing that in my time of trouble He will hear me. My trust, confidence, and faith is in Him, and His Word that cannot fail!”

Chapter Four

Face and Slay the Giants of Fear, Unbelief, and Worry

Apostle Peter was one of the most dynamic leaders and apostolic fathers upon which the Church of Jesus Christ is built. From a humble fisherman, he became a fearless, bold man ... full of faith and the power of Almighty God.

Although he faced severe persecution—he was beaten, imprisoned, and eventually martyred for the sake of the Gospel—Peter was an overcomer. He faced great trials, extreme hardships, discouragement, and openly denied Christ.

Yet, he refused to be defeated!

PETER FACED GIANTS OF FEAR AND UNBELIEF

In the course of his lifetime, it was necessary for this great apostle of faith to face his giants. Peter's faith was tested following the great miracle Jesus performed, multiplying the five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000. (Matthew 14:14-23).

Immediately following this great miracle, Jesus directed the disciples to get in their boat and go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. After He sent the multitudes away, in the evening, Jesus went up alone into a mountain to pray. While He was praying, His disciples were in the middle of the sea and their boat was being

tossed by the waves. ... *the boat was by this time out on the sea, many furlongs [a furlong is one-eighth of a mile] distant from the land, beaten and tossed by the waves, for the wind was against them* (Matthew 14:24, AMPC).

No doubt, the disciples were fearful, worried, and greatly distressed, as the winds and waves beat against them and their boat.

You may be going through difficulties and trying circumstances, where you feel as if you are in the middle of a great storm, where you are being tossed by the winds and waves of the sea. Your situation may seem hopeless and you don't know how you will survive the storm. You may feel as if you are drowning in a sea of debt. Or, you may be going through a storm where you are facing severe physical problems: heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, cancer, leukemia, or some other ongoing physical condition. It may be that you are in the middle of a severe storm involving seemingly impossible family problems and you are overwhelmed by your circumstances.

Whatever storm you face, or will face in the future, know that the Lord sees you. He knows what you are going through and He has not left you to face it alone.

FEAR WILL BLIND YOU AND PARALYZE YOUR FAITH

Into the scene of fear and despair, where the storm was raging, Jesus came walking on the water to the aid of His disciples. *And in the fourth watch [between 3:00-6:00 a.m.] of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, It is a ghost! And they screamed out with fright* (Matthew 14:25-26, AMPC).

The eyes of the disciples were blinded from seeing Jesus as He is because of their fear. They had just seen Jesus miraculously feed 5,000 by multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish. However, they could not comprehend how it could be possible for Jesus to defy the natural laws of physics and walk on water. To their natural minds, it was impossible! As a result, they reasoned what they were seeing was a ghost.

Immediately Jesus spoke to them, *Take courage! I AM! Stop being afraid!* (Matthew 14:27, AMPC).

Although Peter and the disciples did not recognize it, the great I AM was in their midst.

In the midst of your storms, fear will blind you from seeing beyond your circumstances and you will be unable to realize that **the great I AM is there with you**. Fear will paralyze your faith. Instead of seeing I AM, your eyes will be on the storm ... the raging winds ... your seemingly impossible circumstances. When you truly know I AM is with you, you will break through all fear and doubt to believe for the miracle you need.

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT!

Peter's faith broke through the fear. He said, *Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water*. Jesus answered Peter and commanded him, saying, *Come!* (Matthew 14:28, 29 AMPC).

Peter acted in faith on Jesus' command. He stepped out of the boat, and, with his eyes on Jesus, began to do the impossible! He broke through his natural limitations and began walking on water! His faith was activated by the Word Christ spoke to him.

To slay your giants, you must also focus your eyes on Christ—the great I AM—and act on the Word, the promises He has given you. He has already spoken the Word to meet your need. Like Peter, you must take a step of faith and ACT on His Word, knowing it will come to pass.

Regardless of the severity of the storm you are in, God is saying to you, “It’s time to get out of the boat ... out of your comfort zone! Keep your eyes on ME! I AM the God of the impossible! Stop being afraid. Step out in faith on My promises to you. Through ME, you can do the impossible!”

TO SLAY YOUR GIANTS, REFUSE TO FOCUS ON YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

As long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he was able to defy nature and walked on the water! However, as soon as he began to focus on the howling wind and waves crashing round him, his faith wavered. He became afraid and began to sink. *But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me* (Matthew 14:30).

In the storms you face, has your fear blinded you from seeing
the great I AM? Are you ready to get out of the boat ...
take a step of faith, and ACT on God’s promises to you?

At Peter’s cry for help, Jesus immediately reached His hand down and caught Peter. He told him, *O you of little faith, why did you doubt?* (Matthew 14:31, AMPC). The moment Peter focused his eyes on his circumstances—the wind and waves—unbelief entered his heart. It caused him to forget that Jesus was with him and that He would not let him drown.

To slay your giants, you must refuse to focus on your desperate circumstances, your need, and your impossibilities. If you fail to do this, unbelief will begin to fill your heart and you will be unable to believe God to intervene on your behalf. If you are at a point of desperation where it seems you are sinking like Peter, all you have to do is to cry out as Peter did. “Lord, save me!” He is ready to lift you up, intervene in your circumstances and make you victorious.

PETER LEARNED HOW TO SLAY THE GIANTS OF FEAR, DOUBT, AND WORRY

Peter was never defeated, and God worked mighty miracles through him. Throughout his lifetime, he learned the keys to overcoming in every circumstance, trial, and the sufferings he endured. He taught believers in the Church, through his life and words, how to be strong when facing fiery trials. He said, *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you* (I Peter 4:12-14, NASB).

When Herod arrested Peter with the intention of killing him, Peter’s faith stood firm. It was the last night of Passover Week. The following morning, Peter was to be executed. In the natural, his situation was hopeless. He was in a dark dungeon, an impregnable fortress, guarded by sixteen soldiers, and chained on each wrist to soldiers sleeping by his side. (Acts 12:1-6).

He was not moaning, groaning, or complaining to God, “Why have you allowed this to happen to me?” He knew God was in

control. Chained to the soldiers sleeping on both sides of him, Peter was sound asleep.

In answer to the fervent, intensified prayers of the saints, God dispatched an angel to deliver Peter out of prison. A glorious light from heaven shone down into that dark dungeon. The angel touched Peter on his side and commanded him to rise up. His chains fell off and the angel led Peter, unnoticed, past all the guards. When they reached the prison gate, Peter didn't need a key to unlock it ... God miraculously caused it to open!

Just as God supernaturally intervened and delivered Peter from prison and execution by Herod, He will supernaturally intervene for you in the circumstances, trials, and battles you face. Knowing He is in control, you have nothing to fear.

Peter learned how to slay the giants of fear, doubt, and worry. He said, *Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully* (I Peter 5:7, AMPC).

Regardless of what you may face, know that God is with you to fight your battles for you. He will never leave nor forsake you!

You are an overcomer!

Refuse to be defeated!

Rise up in the power of the Spirit to face and slay the giants in your life, in the mighty Name of Jesus!

Face and Slay the Giants of Fear, Unbelief and Worry

To slay your giants, you must focus your eyes on Christ—the great I AM ... and act on the Word, the promises He has given you. Like Peter, you must get out of the boat ... take a step of faith and ACT on His Word, knowing it will come to pass. In the space below, write down the promises God has given you concerning the storm, crises, situations, or impossibilities you face.

Use God's Word to slay the giants of fear, unbelief, and worry concerning your circumstances. Write down the scripture Peter taught concerning how to slay these giants. Explain what it means to you when he said to cast your burdens, anxieties, worries, and concerns upon the Lord.

Make this a declaration of your faith:

“I am getting out of the boat—taking a step of faith by acting on God's promises, knowing they will come to pass. I refuse to focus on my circumstances. My eyes are on the great I AM, Who is with me. I command fear, unbelief, and worry to go in Jesus' Name. Through God I can do the impossible!”

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