

Where's My Giant?

(1 Samuel 17)

- Introduction:
1. The Bible is replete with stories of great heroism.
 2. Faithful men and women risked their lives for the Lord's cause and were victorious.
 3. And then there's my story and your story.
 4. How do we live heroically in such mundane times?
 5. Heroic living isn't measured by "great" events, but by faithfulness in small things.

I. The Call to Courage

- A. (Joshua 1:6,7,9,18).
- B. But when do we get a chance to show our courage?
 1. There are no more arks to build as did Noah (Genesis 6).
 2. No more giants to slay as did David (1 Samuel 17).
 3. No more lions to kill as did Beniah (1 Chronicles 11).
 4. No more Seas to part as did Moses (Exodus 14).
 5. No more cities to march around and capture as did Joshua (Joshua 6).
 6. No more Midianites to defeat as did Gideon and his 300 men (Judges 7).
 7. No more fiery furnaces to face as did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego (Daniel 3).
 8. No more lion's dens to be cast into as was Daniel (Daniel 6).
 9. No more swords to bear as did John the Baptist (Matthew 14).
 10. No more stones to face as did Stephen (Acts 7).
 11. No more widows to raise from the dead as did Peter (Acts 9).

II. The Response of Faithfulness

- A. Think of what God can do with small things (Zechariah 4:10).
 1. Five loaves and two fish (John 6:1-14).
 2. Two mites (Mark 12:41-44).
 3. Andrew's invitation (John 1:42).
- B. God isn't asking us to do "great things"; he's simply asking us to be faithful and have our priorities right.
- C. (Haggai 1:1-11).
 1. The materialism of our culture may be a greater "giant" to kill than the victory David gained over Goliath.
 2. Don't fool yourself; God is still looking for courageous men, and there are plenty of ways to demonstrate your heroism, even today.
- D. (Haggai 2:3-4).

- Conclusion:
1. Consider the challenges that stand before us as we enter 2017.
 2. How will we respond?