

GIANT KILLER

Part Three: *confused*

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This fall, we are examining the life of David – the giant killer. The goal of this series is to help you form a “David like” relationship with God so you will trust Him with your giant-sized problems.

In 1 Samuel Chapters 18-31, David is courageous.

After he defeated Goliath, David was made a commander in the Israelite army. But before long, King Saul became jealous of David’s popularity and sought to kill him (1 Samuel 18:5-15).

How did Saul try to kill David?

- First, Saul tried to use a spear to kill David. 18:11; 19:9-10
- Then, Saul tried to use the Philistines to kill David. 18:17-30
- Finally, Saul tried to use his soldiers to kill David. 19:11-26:25

Why did Saul want to kill David?

- Saul was jealous of David’s popularity, and he wanted to protect his dynasty (20:30-31).

Where did David go when he was running from Saul?

- 1st – David went to see the prophet Samuel in Ramah for advice (19:18).
- 2nd – David found Jonathan and asked him why his father wanted to kill him (20:1).
- 3rd – David went to see Ahimelech – the priest at Nob. He gave David bread and Goliath’s sword (21:1-9).
- 4th – David went to Gath where he almost got himself killed (21:10-15).
- 5th – David went to the cave of Adullam where he began to gather an army (22:1-2).
- 6th – David dropped off his parents in Mizpeh with the King of Moab (22:3-4).
- 7th – The prophet Gad told David to go to the forest of Hereth in Judah (22:5).
- 8th – David and his army defeated the Philistines in Keilah (23:1-12).
- 9th – David and his army hid in the hill country of Ziph (23:13-23).
- 10th – David and his army moved into the wilderness of Maon in the Arabah Valley (23:24).
- 11th – David went to the strongholds of En-gedi. He had a chance to kill Saul in a cave (23:29-24:22).
- 12th – David moved to the wilderness of Maon where he sought help from Nabal (Chapter 25).
- 13th – David had another chance to kill King Saul in the wilderness of Ziph (Chapter 26).
- 14th – David moved to the Philistine city of Zilkag where he lived for a year and four months (Chap. 27).

Why did God allow Saul to hunt David for almost ten years?

- God used Saul’s evil intentions to prepare David for his throne.

David needed to learn a lot before he became the King of Israel. He needed to learn patience and how to control his emotions. He needed to learn how to lead others. But most of all, David needed to learn how to trust the Lord completely (Read Psalm 142 & Psalm 34).

Some questions you need to ask yourself this week...

1. How do you respond when people mistreat you?
2. What do you do when you’re confused?
3. Who or what is your refuge in times of trouble?