

Big Idea

Pastor Rick – Part 6

Today Pastor Rick closed out our series God is >. He said that sometimes, as the people of God, we can live defeated and beat down lives. Why? Because there are times when our Giants feel greater than God. A Giant is anything that stands between us and the promises of God that feels impossible to overcome. Your giant is real and can be a lot of things...anxiety...depression...worry...mental health issues...rejection...bitterness...doubt...finances... sickness... ungodly beliefs... Maybe you've even reached the place where it feels so impossible to overcome it you've just come to accept it. We know that your giants are real, but our God is > Your Giants. Pastor Rick pointed us to the life of David and shared principles from the scripture that show us that as Christ followers, we are conquerors through Jesus. With him nothing is impossible. Facing our giant is a process that we learn how to walk out. Here are two practical NEXT STEPS to help us face whatever giant may exist in our lives...and so we can experience the freedom to keep moving forward.

NEXT STEP #1: Admit that there's a giant in your life. Your future is on the other side of the giant that you are afraid to face... so don't let your giant hide your future. It is OK to struggle... it's not OK to lie about it. God allows giants in our lives to make us desperate and dependent, so we cry out for Him. Then God can show us who we are and the fullness of His power and that is already at work within us. "When I had nothing, desperate and defeated, (anybody feel like that today) desperate and defeated (by a giant in your life) I cried out to the Lord and he heard me, bringing his miracle deliverance when I needed it the most." (Psalm 34:6)

NEXT STEP #2: Remember who you are in Christ We are a beloved son or daughter! Say this every day! Romans 8:37 says, In all these things (any and every giant in your life) we are more than conquerors (more than victorious) through Him – Jesus - who loved us! We look to Jesus, our Savior and King as the source of all breakthrough and victory because we know our God is Greater Than Our Giants.

Discussion Questions

- We all have giants - anything that stands between us and the promises of God that feels impossible to overcome." Do you have such a giant? What is your giant? Name it.
- Discuss the concept that God hears us and is with us as we face our giants. Share how God revealed Himself during that time. In what ways did He calm you as you faced the giant?
- Discuss how knowing our identity in Christ helps us face our giants.

Prayer Focus

Thank God for the incredible gift of His Spirit and power living inside of you. Bring your giant before God, and ask Him to show you the redemptive purpose in it. Bring your confusion to Him, and ask Him to give you peace as you wait on Him. And thank Him in advance for the victory to come.

Next Steps

If you are in a season of fighting a giant, remind yourself daily that Jesus understands what you are going through and that He can put redemptive purpose in your pain. Look for ways in which God may be using your painful experience to minister to others. Connect with someone who can walk with you during this time.

Leader Tip

At the beginning of this semester as you get to know your group members, begin making a list of prayer points for each one in your group, and make it a priority to pray for the member each day.