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**Sermon Title: Opportunities In Disguise**  
**Text: 1 Samuel 17: 45-47**

Challenges are opportunities for us to bring glory to God. Like giants, they are external obstacles that stand in the way.

### I. **Obstacles to Your Dream**

“Don’t tell God how big the storm is in your life; tell the storm how big the God is in your life”.

Through Christ’s power and victory, we can overcome the giants.

Paul says in Ephesians 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*”

The enemy is all around us; we are faced with Goliaths from every angle. We must use the weapons that God has given us to defeat the giants.

Some well-known giants:

- People who stand between you and your dream
- Cultural norms
- Past mistakes or circumstances
- Money and personal challenges

### 2. **Bring Glory to God**

Giants and challenges are opportunities in disguise. The bigger the giant, the more glory God receives and the more His name is praised.

We must continue on attempting big things for God.

Psalm 81:10 “I *am* the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it”

Jeremiah 33:3 “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

### 3. **Have Correct Perspective**

Perspective is what makes us live the way we do. Wrong perspective caused wrong behaviour.

In order to change the way we live, we have to change the way we think. Giants may seem big and undefeatable to us, but beside God they are so small. It's all about having the correct perspective.

## **Conclusion**

The battle is the Lord's (1Samuel 17:37)

You can overcome challenges and obstacles only if you go towards the giants and not away from them.

2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him"

David had faith from the beginning of this giant undertaking. How about you?