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1 SAMUEL 17:1-7 (NASB)

TRUTH: The Christian life is lived best through the power of a God-given dream.

TRUTH: God has a plan, a purpose, a destiny, a calling for your life.

TRUTH: We must have a dream because nothing happens without a dream.

INSIGHT: Giants in our path can make us afraid to go after our dreams.

I. THE TRUTH ABOUT GOLIATH AND DREAM-BUSTERS

BULLET POINTS:

• Topography – It's all about how you see the giants who oppose your dream.

TRUTH: Until you confront your giant you'll never see them for what they are.

- Considerations
 - 1. The sling

TRUTH: David already had all he needed to slay the giant.

INSIGHT: The sling isn't a slingshot.

INSIGHT: The sling isn't a toy but a lethal weapon.

INSIGHT: Goliath never saw the rock coming before it split his skull.

2. Goliath was a giant with huge weaknesses.

TRUTH: The giants and dream-killers we face in life are not as impossible as we imagine.

II. GIANTS TO GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Interval (1 Samuel 17:15)

TRUTH: God has a plan for your life and so will someone else. They will seek to delay or even negate your dream.

2. Discouragement

TRUTH: If you listen to negative people enough, you will get negative about your dream.

TRUTH: You become what you listen to most.

INSIGHT: God doesn't give piddly dreams!

INSIGHT: The approval of God is more important than the approval of people. What God thinks of us is the real issue.

III. DEFEATING THE GIANTS

- 1. Remember how God helped you in the past.
- 2. Use what God has given.
- 3. Keep God at your center.

INSIGHT: In your deepest, darkest days of life, you had better have learned how to encourage yourself in the Lord.