



## **Giant Killers**

**1 Samuel 20; 22; 17:47; Psalm 9:9-10; Matthew 11:28-29**

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**The Bottom Line:** When you feel forsaken, you are mistaken. Don't run; remember. Don't move until you are led. Wait. Panic not, God is with you! Look for a reminder.

### **Introduction:**

The ways of God are most unappealing and seemingly irrelevant when we are **angry, isolated, or afraid.**

These three conditions have the power to undermine the resolve of even the most dedicated, devout, and disciplined among us. They can cause us to crash through every moral and ethical boundary we've set for ourselves.

They contribute to our greatest regrets and will be part of future regrets. We feel compelled to **do** something ... **anything.**

### **Background:**

David was a legend. He had married the king's daughter and was friends with the king's son. He was a folk hero for killing the Philistine champion.

King Saul was jealous of David's fame. He hurled a spear at David. David stopped showing up for dinner. Saul asked Jonathan where he was.

Jonathan covered for him, and Saul sensed it. His own family was conspiring against him.

1 Samuel 20:30-31, "Saul's **anger** flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, 'You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that

you have sided with the **son of Jesse** to your own **shame** and to the shame of the mother who bore you? As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither **you** nor **your kingdom** will be established. Now send and bring him to me, for he must die!”

Jonathan warned David.

David was alone, afraid for his life, and rejected by the man/nation for which he bled. And ... he'd done nothing wrong!

Isolated – Angry – Afraid

David panicked and entered survival mode.

### Pick Up Story in 1 Samuel 21 & 22

Remember 1 Samuel 17:47, “All those gathered here will **know** that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the **battle is the LORD's**, and he will **give all of you** into our hands.”

A flawed weapon. A flawed response. A disastrous outcome.

### Application:

And there we are ...

When we need God most, we're apt to lean towards him the least.

- We opt for things that never worked before.
- We opt for things that didn't get us to where we are.
- We opt for things that often lead to regret.

We can see it in others, but it's so hard to see in the mirror. Somehow, we think our situation is different!

**What** is your loneliness, anger, or fear causing you to **consider** that you've never **considered** before?

**Who** is your loneliness, anger, or fear causing you to **consider** that you know you shouldn't **consider**?

**Who**, besides **you**, do your considerations put at risk?

What advice would **you** give somebody who is **you**?

I know what advice David would give. He wrote it in his journal.

Psalms 9:9-10, “The **LORD** is a **refuge** for the oppressed, a **stronghold** in times of trouble. Those who know your name will **trust** in **you**, for you,

LORD have **never forsaken** those who **seek** you.”

I thought I had been forsaken, but I was mistaken.  
Don't make that mistake!

One thousand years later, David's most famous descendent would look into the eyes of frightened, over-taxed, seemingly abandoned Israelites and say:

Matthew 11:28-29, “Come **to me** all you who are **weary** and **burdened**, and I will give you **rest**. Take my **yoke** upon you and **learn** from me, for I am **gentle** and humble in heart, and you will find **rest** for your **souls**.”

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### NEXT STEPS:

- Memorize: Matthew 11:28-29**
- Don't Run; Remember God's Faithfulness**
- Pray & Rest in Jesus**
- Join Us Next Week for Part 3: Revenge! Don't Settle for Even .**