David, A Man Of Many Giants
Introduction

• David’s life was a mixture of triumph and tragedy

• “A man after God’s own heart”

Acts 13:22
The Giant That David Killed

- Goliath of Gath
- 9 ½ feet tall
- His helmet and armor weighed some 200 pounds
- His spear was like a weavers beam
The Giant That David Killed

- Weaver’s beam = about 5 feet in length
- The iron head of the spear weighed about 18 pounds
- Goliath was the champion fighter of his day
- 1 Sam. 17:37, 40, 46, 50-51
The Giant Of Revenge

- Saul tried on several occasions to kill David
- Many times David could have had revenge but refused
- 1 Sam. 24: 1ff
The Giant Of Revenge

- **Revenge** = to inflict injury in return for an injury, insult etc.
- To retaliate
- Christians must not take revenge
- Rom. 12:14-21
- Mt. 5:11, 44
The Giant Of Anger

- Nabal was a wealthy man and had been benefited by David’s men who protected Nabal’s possessions
- David requested provisions from Nabal but he refused to help
The Giant Of Anger

- David’s swore to kill Nabal---he lost his self-restraint and had murder on his mind
- 1 Sam. 25:13
- David was met by Abigail, Nabal’s wife
The Giant Of Anger

- She brought David and his men an abundance of supplies
- She also persuaded David not to kill Nabal--an act which could have scarred his life and his reputation
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- “Pride robs us of God; envy of our neighbors; anger of ourselves
- Prov. 16:32
- Eph. 4:26
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- “Bathsheba must have been a breath taking beautiful woman”
- At the sight of her beauty-lust overpowers his judgment
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• Passion can come from the desire of revenge, the love of fame and the greed for money--in David’s case it came from a sexual lust

• In all cases God is put out of our minds and forgotten
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• When David learns that she is with child—his blood becomes like ice and he becomes a murderer

• Nathan faces David with the truth—"thou art the man"
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- In this parable Nathan held a mirror to David’s heart and David saw himself for the sinner he was.
- David admitted his guilt.
- 2 Sam. 12:7, 13, 10
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- Sin is buried in the depths of forgiveness
- 1 Jn. 1:8-9
- We still suffer the consequences of sin but God forgives us of the guilt
Conclusion

- We all face giants
- The greatest giant of all is sin!
- With God’s help we can overcome and someday be at home with Him in heaven
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