

KILLING GIANTS

BEFORE THEY KILL YOU

The Giant of Difficult Times

1 Samuel 21-23

1. In difficult times, consider where you turn for provision and protection.

If dependence is the goal, weakness is the advantage.

2. In difficult times, consider who are the people around you.

3. In difficult times, consider how you make plans

Three things to do for others in their difficult times:

1. Show up.
2. Resist the need to say something profound.
3. Identify a practical need and meet it.

If what you have is not good, then God is not done.

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My Application

David is called a man after God's own heart. In Acts 13:22, we see that this means he will do anything God asks him to. In 1 Samuel 23 God asks David to do something that doesn't seem to make sense. Not only that, but then the "reward" for his faithfulness seems to be more difficult times. The Scriptures promise us that we will have trouble in the world. When we have trouble, how can we continue to walk in obedience and honor God with our lives? It starts with who we go to for protection, provision, company, and plans.

- 1) What are the difficult times that God has you in the middle of right now?
- 2) Where are you tempted to go for provision and protection?
- 3) How will you ensure that you will go to God and His people for provision and protection?
- 4) Who around you right now pushes you in a deeper relationship with Jesus?
- 5) How can you do better at going to God for your plans, rather than making them your own?