

HOW TO DEFEAT A BIGGER AND STRONGER ENEMY

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1st John 4:4

Bigger and stronger enemies are very intimidating. Facing an enemy that is more powerful than you causes you to doubt your abilities and doubt yourself. However, the presence of an enemy who is bigger than you does not mean they are greater than you.

THERE IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT IS BIGGER AND WHAT IS GREATER.

What is bigger is large in value or size. However, what is greater is what is **UNUSUAL** in power. For example, in the NBA there is a difference between a big player and a great player. Charles Barkley was a player of great size, yet Michael Jordan was a great player.

One player had massive size. The other player had massive influence. The enemy likes to threaten us with his size. However, you need to remember how much influence you have with God. **MASSIVE INFLUENCE** will always trump massive size.

1st John 4:4 says, "This is how you can know God's Spirit: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ came to earth as a human is from God. My dear children, you belong to God and have defeated them; because God's Spirit, who is in you, is **greater** than the devil, who is in the world."

If you have the Holy Spirit living inside of you, you have influence with God. His **PRESENCE** defeats every enemy that is bigger and stronger than you. His presence takes you beyond being big. It catapults you to being great.

The Holy Spirit has many names associated with Him. However, as it pertains to defeating bigger and stronger enemies He is known as the Spirit of wisdom.

Isaiah 11:2-3 says, "And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears."

DEFEATING BIGGER ENEMIES

The way to defeat bigger and stronger enemies is to **OUTSMART** them. The wisdom of God empowers you to **OUTTHINK** the strategy and schemes of the enemy. When the Holy Spirit lives inside of you He will tell you how to defeat bigger enemies.

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN

- If you have a boss who is harassing you the Holy Spirit will show you how to outsmart him so you can get the victory.

- If you are fighting a legal battle the Holy Spirit will show you what to do to prove your innocence.
- If you are physically fighting someone the Holy Spirit will tell you what to do in order to be victorious.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S COUNSEL IS THE ANSWER
TO EVERY PROBLEM THAT IS BIGGER THAN YOUR
INTELLECT.

IT WORKED FOR DAVID

Before David fought Goliath he was anointed by the Prophet Samuel to be the next king of Israel. When he was anointed by the Prophet Samuel he inherited the Holy Spirit. (*NOTE: The anointing of God only flows through the Holy Spirit.*) Reference 1st Samuel 16:12-13.

When David heard about a mammoth giant terrorizing the Israelites he wanted to defend Israel's honor. He was the only one who volunteered to fight Goliath. When David

expressed his ideas to the Israelites they mocked him. They laughed at him. They looked at David's stature and assumed he would have no chance to defeat Goliath.

David was a skinny, frail young boy. Goliath stood around 6"9. From the outside looking in, it seemed as if David did not have a chance. However, when you are in a battle size does not decide who will win. The **LORD DECIDES** who will win.

As skinny as David was and as tall as Goliath was, David had the Lord on his side. When king Saul heard that David wanted to fight Goliath he recommended that David wear his armor. Saul's armor was too heavy for David to wear. David was **SMART** enough to do what made him great.

When you are facing a bigger and stronger enemy **DO WHAT MAKES YOU GREAT!** David utilized a rag and rock to slay the giant. That rag and a rock made him great. He was smart enough to utilize what he had mastered rather than try something new.

You have mastered something also. It may be a skill, an attitude, work ethic or a demeanor but whatever you have mastered, **USE IT**. If you use what you have mastered with the Lord being on your side every enemy that comes against you shall be defeated.

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