



And this gospel of the **kingdom**
will be *preached* in all the **world**.
MATTHEW 24:14

Slaying Your Giant

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Summary

God has told us that 2014 is a year of new beginnings and great possession. The only thing that will hold us back from achieving that this year is if we don't quite believe that He wants to do it and that He can do it. We must believe that He is willing and able! In the battle of David and Goliath, David saw two things when he came upon the scene. Number one, David realized that the children of Israel weren't just the armies of Israel, but that they were the actual armies of God! Number two, David recognized that Goliath was an uncircumcised Philistine. He had no covenant with the Almighty God! So David began to inquire what the reward would be for the man who defeated Goliath. After he found out what the reward was, he got stirred up! David got the mandate and then he picked up the pebbles and stones and ran toward the giant! He cut his head off and carried the head into the city and everyone rejoiced! It was his trophy. He didn't release the head until he came into contact with Saul because he wanted his reward! We must recognize the giants that come up against us in our lives today. What is in your life that you know God has promised you? God has promised to increase you and to expand you in every area! We have to become like David. If we can't believe, then God can't do it for us! The problem is that we are not willing to believe, not that He isn't able or willing. There is nothing that He isn't able to do! He is willing to do more than we can even dream about! When the twelve spies went in to scout out the Promised Land, ten of them came back with a negative report. They saw themselves as grasshoppers. The other two spies saw that there were giants in the land, but the difference is in how the two saw *themselves*! That is the key to our victory! There are giants in the land. We have to acknowledge the giants and have a strategy for the giants. The two spies knew that God had told them that they were well able! That is how we have to be in our personal lives! We have to know what the Word of God says and has promised! We are well able!

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- A. 2014 is a Year of New Beginnings and Great Possession
 - a. If we can believe and connect to that word then our lives will be increased like never before.
 - b. God is offering us a new beginning in everything that we've ever done.
 - i. With your job, your children, your relationships.
 - c. The only thing that will hold us back from achieving is if we don't quite believe that He wants to do it and that He can do it.
 - d. The Bible says that we must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek after Him. He wants to do it for us! He is willing! We have to believe that He is willing.
 - e. What stops that believing?

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- i. Like the children of Israel. It was a 10 day journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. He released them from slavery into a land flowing with milk and honey. That was the heart of God for them.
 - ii. As they started this journey, because of a lack of belief, they went around the mountain for 40 years.
 - iii. We get caught up in the past. God hasn't done it for so long that when the Word comes, we think "we've heard that before", "really".
 - f. We must believe that He's able! He is willing to release from His power for you! But we have a part to play! We can receive who He is!
 - g. So for AVC we have to believe the word He has spoken to us for this year.
 - i. Not only just for AVC but we have to believe it individually.
 - ii. We can't focus on AVC if God can't do it for you individually. He works in us to will and to do according to His good pleasure.
 - iii. If He can't work in you, He can't work through you. If He can't work in us individually then He can't work in us as a family.
 - iv. God has so much in store for your life this year! The only thing that will cause it not to manifest this year is you and I. We all have challenges in our lives. The enemy is consistently coming up against us. But the Word of God says that we are well able! We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!
- B. A Look at the Life and the Heart of David
- a. Jesus Christ is the King of this Kingdom. The bible says that He will reign upon the kingdom of David forever.
 - b. So there is an interesting connection between David & Jesus. We have to go back and look into the kingdom of David.
 - c. Everything in the new is a fulfillment of that which was in the old. It's fulfilled for us to walk in it and express it and to do it! We need to go back and look at the heart of David and then see that fulfillment in Jesus and that all that had taken place for you and I to walk in it!
- C. The Battle Between David and Goliath
- a. David had a battle that changed everything for the children of Israel.
 - i. The battle with the Philistines; it lasted for 40 days.
 - b. He comes to this battle as a teenager bringing food and supplies to his brothers.
 - i. When he comes to this battle he finds a large man, a champion that no one could defeat. The champion would come out every morning and every night and taunt the children of Israel.
 - ii. He wanted to fight one man against one man. The children of Israel got intimidated. There was no man in Israel that could beat this guy.
 - c. David looks at the scene going on. David knew that the children of Israel were the children of God. He realized that they weren't just the armies of Israel, they were the actual armies of God!
 - d. He looked at the injustice that was taking place of the armies of the living God! He looked at Goliath that one man can come before the armies of the living God! He gave them the Promised Land! God gave the mandate and wanted something to take place.
 - e. David recognized that he was an uncircumcised Philistine. He had no covenant with that Almighty God! He had no right to do what he was doing! Matt. 6:33. God is a rewarder! He wants to give you all things!

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- f. David sees all of this taking place and starts inquiring.
 - i. He doesn't ask his brothers because they were intimidated and couldn't rise up!
 - iii. He asks what is going on here. What was the heart of David? He inquired from a heart of faith!
 - iv. He asks what will be given to the man who conquers Goliath. He saw an injustice and a promise that God had made!
 - v. He looks at his own life and sees how God has delivered him before! He had killed the lion, he had killed the bear and now he sees this uncircumcised Philistine.
 - vi. He begins to inquire about the reward for the person who can make this a just thing before God!
 - vii. It is a just thing in your life to be rewarded, to have great possessions and to have new beginnings! It's not what you deserve. It's His justice that requires it!
 - viii. You have to look through the eyes of God like David did! You need to choose the things that God wants for you. Your life has to be consumed with the purpose of having all that God wants for you.
 - ix. The guys answer David regarding the reward saying that the man who defeats Goliath will never pay taxes again and He will marry the king's daughter. That stirred David up! Then he goes before Saul.
 - x. They recognized something in the heart of David because there is such value in this reward.
 - g. After David gets the mandate he picks up the pebbles and stones and runs toward the giant! He cuts his head off and carries the head into the city and everyone rejoices! It's his trophy. He doesn't release the head until he comes into contact with Saul because he wants his reward!
- D. We Must Recognize the Giants That Come Up Against Us in our Lives Today
- a. What is in your life that you know God has promised you?
 - b. God has promised to increase you, to expand you! God has made so many promises.
 - c. We have to become like David! We have to believe that God wants to do that. We have to want to increase. If we can't believe then God can't do it for you.
 - d. You have to see what the promises of God are for your life. The best relationships, be the best at school or work, to succeed.
 - e. The problem is that we are not willing to believe, not that He isn't able or willing. There is nothing that He isn't able to do! He is willing to do more than we can even dream about! Eph. 3:20 All we have to do is believe that He is willing and able!
- E. Our Building Project
- a. We have a giant that needs to be conquered – Finances
 - b. A parallel between AVC and the children of Israel
 - i. When the 12 spies went in to scout out the Promised Land 10 of them came back with a negative report.
 - ii. They saw themselves as grasshoppers. They saw that there were giants in the land. They identified the giants. But the difference is in how the two saw *themselves*! That is the key to our victory!
 - iii. There is giants in the land. You have got to acknowledge the giants, you've got to have a strategy for the giants. Their strategy was that the Word of God said, "we are

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well able!" That is how we have to be in our personal lives! We have got to know and identify our enemy and have a strategy.

- iv. David's strategy for defeating the lion and the bear were different to his strategy for Goliath. We know that the Bible says the enemy is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.
- c. So we have to know what the Word of God says and has promised! We have slain the lion, we have slain the bear and now we are about to slay our Goliath.

Scripture References:

- 1 Samuel 17
- Hebrews 11:6
- Philippians 4:13
- Matthew 6:33
- Ephesians 3:20
- 1 Peter 5:8