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## The Next Generation David

If a shepherd boy can slay a giant of a man who caused whole armies to cower in fear, it should give us the faith to follow God fearlessly also. But far too often we are content to settle into our comforts and avoid conflict. In the face of a crisis, what role do we usually play? What role would God choose for us?

### 3 Characteristics of a “GIANT” Crisis:

#### 1. A Giant Crisis Always Seems LARGER than Life.

What do you talk about most, and what consumes your thoughts every day? How do you confront your crises? Are you more likely to complain or beg for rescue instead of facing them? How active does God seem to be in your current situation? Discuss it with your group. Does God seem more active in a challenging lifestyle or a complacent lifestyle? Based on your findings, would you welcome change if it helps you walk closer to God? *Deuteronomy 30:15-16; Matthew 8:19-22; 1 Peter 5:10*

#### 2. A Giant Crisis Is Always GREATER than Your Resources.

What is unique about your generation, circumstances, or location that God might want you to take advantage of for His kingdom? What armor, weapons, and skills has God provided you? How often do you put those assets to work against your crises? Discuss with your group a person in your life who could be a “giant slayer”. How are you using your position in their lives to encourage them to slay giants? How are their talents different from yours? What can you learn from each other? *Isaiah 45:9-11; 1 Timothy 4:6-12; 1 Peter 5:5-9*

#### 3. A Giant Crisis Will NEVER Just Go Away.

Describe a time when you hoped a crisis would resolve on its own. What happened to that crisis? What drama are you in the middle of right now that you wish would end? How might God want you to respond to it? What can God do in your situation that you cannot? Have you trusted that God can handle it, or does your crisis still seem giant? *Luke 18:27; Zechariah 4:6; John 15:4-8*

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### Make it Real

- Ask your “giant slayer” what they have recently learned about God and themselves.

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- Search yourself - are you willing for God to put you in tough situations to make you a stronger disciple of Christ?
- Pray for strength in your current crisis, give thanks for the crises you have overcome, and ask for wisdom in the crises you have yet to encounter.