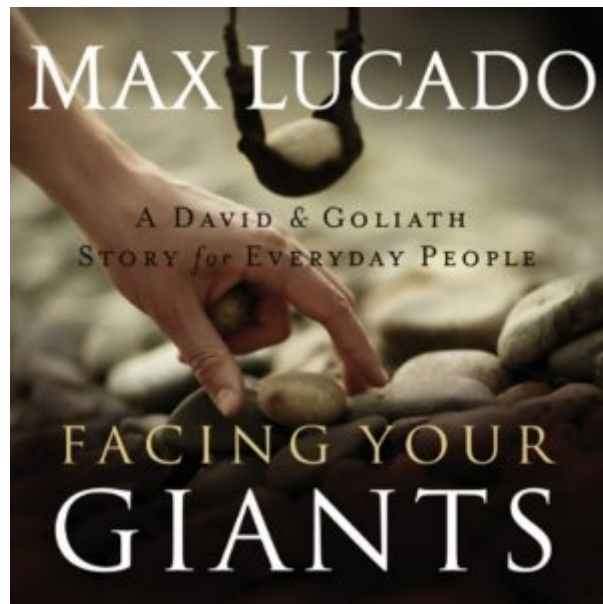


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Facing Your Giants: The God Who Made A Miracle Out Of David Stands Ready To Make One Out Of You



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You know your Goliath. You recognize his walk, the thunder of his voice. He taunts you with bills you can't pay, people you can't please, habits you can't break, failures you can't forget, and a future you can't face. But just like David, you can face your giant, even if you aren't the strongest, the smartest, the best equipped, of the holiest. David. You could read his story and wonder what God saw in him. His life has little to offer the unstained, straight-A saint. He fell as often as he stood, stumbled as often as he conquered. But for those who know the sound of Goliath, David gives this reminder: Focus on giants -- you stumble; focus on God -- your giants tumble. If you're ready to face your giants, let his story inspire you. The same God who helped him will help you. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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No one more literally faced a giant in their life than when David met Goliath on the battlefield. Using that picture and illustrations from the life of David, Max Lucado talks about conquering your own giants in the book Facing Your Giants: The God Who Made a Miracle Out of David Stands Ready to Make One Out of You. It's an excellent read, and highly inspirational. Contents: Facing Your Giants; Silent Phones; Raging Sauls; Desperate Days; Dry Seasons; Grief-Givers; Barbaric Behavior; Slump Guns; Popping Points; Unspeakable Grief; Blind Intersections; Strongholds; Distant Deity; Tough Promises; Thin Air-ogance; Colossal Collapses; Family Matters; Dashed Hopes; Take Goliath Down!; What Began In Bethlehem; Study Guide; Notes When you think about David and his

life, it's easy to skip from killing Goliath to being king. But there were a number of other "giants" between those two points, and even more once he ascended to the crown. Saul sought to kill him on a regular basis. His sons turned against him. He lost family members due to death and disobedience. For all the positives in his life, he had even more struggles and giants to subdue than most of us. Max Lucado looks at various episodes of David's life and relates them back to similar giants we face. It could be as common as reaching a point of exhaustion and deciding not to push on (David at Brook Besor). Or it may be an extended dry season where you're isolated from everything and everyone you hold dear (David and the cave at Adullam). But in all cases, God is still present and waiting to lift you up when you turn to Him. I appreciate Lucado's ability to take a minimal narrative that's found in Scripture and paint color around it.

If I pick up a book like this, it has to mean something to me. I don't want to sit arm in arm at Starbucks with Rick Warren singing, "If I had a low I. Q., I could be purpose driven too!" I don't want to do that, ok? I know that to walk on water, you have to get out of your boat, and John Ortberg did pretty well with that. But it still left me feeling empty. But most people know the story of David and Goliath. A man like me wants nothing more (STILL, even today) than to take on a big ugly sucker (just like Goliath, who thinks he can trash my God), and just beat the bloody, snotty, dirty piss right out of him! That's just how it is with me, ok? Deal with it! You don't like that vocabulary, too bad. This caught my attention. But in all honesty, I didn't care to pick it up. It didn't have my attention to the point where I wanted to go out of my way to read it. But at my Bible study leader's urging, I picked it up. I loved it! Hey, Lucado makes it pretty clear that there are more than just Goliath's out there that are giants in our lives. The thing is, we don't have to let fear rule us, and we can fight these bad boys. We can come right at them, just like David did, "In the name of The Lord, the God of Heaven, who will help ME defeat you!" Those are fighting words. "Turn the other cheek" never meant just standing back and taking crap. If you believe that, there's something wrong with you. Especially a man, and it is feminine if you feel that you have to stand there and take everything. Our Bible speaks beautiful words, words of love. But The Bible also speaks of justice, and it makes very clear how important holiness is. The Bible says, "There is a time to kill." and it says, "There is a time for war." It also goes as far as to say, "There is a time for casting stones."

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