

Facing Your Giants

Fall/Winter Bible Study

Overview/Outline/Schedule

“Facing Your Giants” is our Bible Study for the Fall/Winter season. We will spend at least 11 to 12 weeks discussing the precepts and points of the lessons. There are 19 lessons in this book, but we're going to select specified chapters in the book.

“Facing Your Giants” is written by Max Lucado, and he writes this narrative as a backdrop in the life and the experiences of David. He looks at David’s life in his position, in his purpose, and even his predicaments.

David faced his giants with “a nevertheless” spirit of faith and fortitude. His life is punctuated with a series of “Nevertheless” Moments!”

- **He was not the tallest or the best of his brothers in appearance out of Jesse’s sons; nevertheless, he's chosen to be king.**
- **Goliath called him everything but a worthy opponent; but nevertheless, he slew him.**
- **He made some terrible mistakes; but nevertheless, the scripture calls him a man after God's own heart.**
- **He had a great deal of family dysfunction; nevertheless, God used him in a mighty way.**

Isn't it interesting that God will use people in marvelous and mighty ways, in spite of what God knows about them or even in spite of their past.

So here is how you should study for these lessons:

1. Read 2 pages of a chapter each day or every other day. For instance, Chapter 1 in “Facing Your Giants” has 10 pages. If you just read 2-3 pages each day or every other day, you will have read the entire chapter between lesson sessions.

- Sometimes, you can get distracted or lose your thoughts if you try to read the entire lesson in one setting.

2. The Study Guide is actually a guide for enlightenment of the chapters. It actually digs the gold out of the story for you.

- Each chapter has a study guide that is at the end of the book. This is key to understanding the chapters. The study guide will provide reflections, questions, thoughts, and scriptures.

The Lessons that we will be studying:

Study Guides begin on page 183!!!!

This study becomes really illuminating when you spend time reading, being honest and open to the principles and precepts.

I. Lesson 1: Facing Your Giants.

- Focus on the marching orders and focus on the battlelines.
- There are things that can only be conquered by facing them.

II. Lesson 4: Desperate Days

- Focus on marching orders and reflect upon battlelines.
- Desperation can lead to many different paths.

III. Lesson 5: Dry Seasons

- Focus on marching orders and battlelines.
- Under reconnaissance is a great opening statement to reflect upon.

IV. Lesson 9: Plopping Points

- Focus on marching orders in battlelines.
- What do you do when the people you have been watching out for, you have to watch out for?

V. Lesson 10: Unspeakable Grief

- Focus on marching orders and focus on battlelines.
- Grief is like the ocean. It comes in waves of ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it's overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim or float through grief, but

we must be determined and decide not to be drowned by our grief.

VI. Lesson 12: Strongholds

- Focus on marching orders and focus on battlelines.
- Do you know what a stronghold is?
- Do you know yours?
 - **Psalms 9:9 (KJV)** ⁹ The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.
 - **2 Corinthians 10:4 (NLT)** ⁴ We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.

VII. Lesson 14: Tough Promises

- Focus on marching orders and battlelines.
- The power of grace and mercy.

VIII. Lesson 15: Thin Air-ogance

- Focus on marching orders and focus on battlelines.
 - **Uzziah**
 - **2 Chron. 26:15 (NIV)** ¹⁵ In Jerusalem he made devices invented for use on the towers and on the corner defenses so that soldiers could shoot arrows and hurl large stones from the walls. His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped until he became powerful.

IX. Lesson 16: Colossal Collapses

- Focus on marching orders and focus on battlelines.
- Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.

X. Lesson 18: Dashed Hopes

- Focus on marching orders and battlelines.
 - **Disappointment is just the chance to start once more, this time all the more insightfully.**
 - **Disappointment you bury in your heart becomes a bitter root. Disappointment you release to God becomes a seed of hope.**

XI. Lesson 19: Take Goliath Down

- Focus on the marching orders and battlelines.
- We cannot live to be the giants God wants us to be, if we allow our Goliath to remain standing.