

B. God desires that we view giants thru His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 25-37)

1. Stay \_\_\_\_\_! – Don't battle with \_\_\_\_\_ nor hesitate because of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 25-32)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself today for battles tomorrow (vv 33-36)
3. Introduce \_\_\_\_\_ into every single equation (v 37)

**U** \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 38-40; cf Psalm 139)

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ your sling and take a \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 41-51)

**T** \_\_\_\_\_ the lead and finish the conquest (vv 41-51; 2 Samuel 21:15-22)

Summary: How do emerging adults view the church and Christianity?

## Part Two: Emerging Adults

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# The Makings of a Giant Killing Generation

1 Samuel 17:1-54

(This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> in a series of messages on Generations)

Fifty years ago, on average, the marital age was 22 for men and about 20 for women. Within a few years of graduating from high school, the expectation was that folks would probably get married, enter into a stable job that would run its same course for an entire career and begin to have children. Due to a variety of reasons the complexity, the challenge of entering into adulthood is higher and, therefore, is taking longer than it ever has before.

Education takes longer. Finding a career is much more complex than it ever has been. Financial pressures are heavier. Marriage happens later (26 years old for women), if it's going to happen at all. The average age for having children is now 27.5 (for women). Because of these realities, experts are saying there is a whole new developmental stage. It lasts from about 18 until about 35 and is now being called "Emerging Adulthood."

When it comes to spiritual matters young people are growing up in a society where skepticism and negativity about Christianity have reached levels that preceding generations have not had to face. To follow Jesus today requires on the part of an emerging adult a level of courage and nonconformity that was not required of preceding generations. To those who are under 35 who are following Jesus, you are our heroes, you are our hope. We honor you for your courage and your faithfulness. We cheer you on and we are committed to being a community that will give love and support and a pledge to equip you.

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ before the battles of life begin (vv 1-3)

- A. When there is generational \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ toward God then "Philistines" \_\_\_\_\_ and gain territory
- B. Therefore, it is the responsibility of new generations to \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_

**D** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ your Goliaths by \_\_\_\_\_ your God (vv 4-37)

- A. Life is full of " \_\_\_\_\_ " (vv 4-24)
  - 1. These "giants" loom \_\_\_\_\_ (v 4), are \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 5-7), cause us daily \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 8-10, 16), and keep us from a \_\_\_\_\_ life
  - 2. The worst thing is to live in constant \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 11-24)