

## STANDING UP TO GIANTS

### You Gotta Love God's Teachable Moments

I love the small moments in time when God drops a small piece of revelation that just explodes in my mind and my spirit. I call them God's teachable moments.

This morning, I had one of those. Over the years I have had many of these, so I have come to recognize them and seek God for what it is He wants to teach me. For the past few days, I had been thinking of myself as pretty small compared to the things I see God has for me to do. How could I possibly be the one He is calling to do the things I believe He is showing me? Yes, I was having a grasshopper mentality moment! Don't tell me you aren't guilty of having those moments occasionally yourself.

I was sitting at my computer when all of a sudden, something came in front of my eyes. I am not sure if it was a tiny, tiny spider or a gnat. It startled me and I quickly pushed my chair back and went looking for this THING. I am not afraid of spiders, but I do not like them crawling on me or near me. This THING seemed to drop out of the sky in front of me, so I was convinced it was a spider. I was going to find it and destroy it no matter how small it was.



I couldn't find it and so I settled at the computer once again to finish what I was doing. In that still moment, God got my attention. "You are like that gnat". WHAT???? God, why would you say that? Then, as I settled down, I could see what He was saying. I saw myself as small while facing the opposition that looked like giants compared to me. But, like the small little creature who dared to show himself before my face, I needed to be brave and bold before what I considered to be giants.

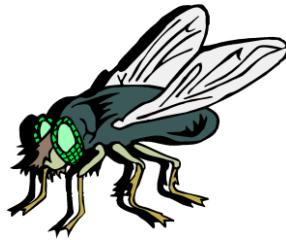
When I am bold and brave and strong in the face of the giants, they cannot harm me. They cannot even find me as I am hidden in Jesus. They cannot in anyway destroy me. It is when my mind is unprotected, and it begins to operate in fear and doubt that I may allow trouble near me.

I was suddenly reminded of another teachable moment that happened many years ago when my children were teenagers and young adults. I have told the story many times but it is worth repeating. I was in my bedroom crying and praying to God for my son. He was in big trouble. My heart was breaking and I was pleading with God to do something.

Suddenly, I saw a huge horse fly on the wall, and I heard the Lord say to me, "See that fly." "Yes, Lord, I see it". He said to me, "If I were to flick that fly with my fingers, it would go into oblivion. There would be nothing left of him. I could deal with this

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situation without you, but I choose not to. I have given you everything you need to deal with this situation.”



Wow! That changed my whole perspective! I had known this truth and operated in this truth so I knew what God was talking about, but because my heart was hurt so bad I had returned to old ways. I got up from there and began to declare to the spirit realm, “I belong to God. My son belongs to God and you will not have him. You take your hands off of him right now. I am not moved by what I see, but I am only moved by the word of God which is real. My God tells me that He already defeated you and you have no right to take my son, or my daughters. My God is working all things for the good of this family. You will not succeed in what you are trying to do”

Things began to turn around from that moment. Yes, there were still things we had to go through, but everything worked for good in the end.

The words of our mouths are so very important. In the tongue lies the power of life and death.

***Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.***  
***Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)***

Isaiah was an Old Testament prophet. In chapter 21 of his book, Isaiah says ‘***For thus has the Lord said to me: “Go, set a watchman. Let him declare what he sees.”***’, verse six (NKJV). Isaiah writes down what the watchman sees and then in verse ten, Isaiah says “***Oh, my threshing and the grain of my floor! That which I have heard from the Lord of hosts, The God of Israel, I have declared to you.***”

There comes a point where the crying and the begging do no good. God says we already know what the will of the Father is, now just stand and decree it. When God sends His Word to earth, it will not return to heaven until it has completed what it was intended to do”.

It was this same prophet Isaiah who wrote these words:

***So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.***  
***Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)***

I love the way the Passion Bible states this, including verse ten.

***“As the snow and rain that fall from heaven do not return until they have accomplished their purpose, soaking the earth and causing it to sprout with new life, providing seed to sow and bread to eat. So also will be the word that I speak; it does not return to me unfulfilled. My word performs my purpose and fulfills the mission I sent it out to accomplish.”*** ***Isaiah 55:11 (TPT)***

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Our words when they line up with what God wants, have power to produce life.

***For just as God said to Pharaoh:***

***“I raised you up as ruler of Egypt for this reason, that I might make you an example of how I demonstrate my miracle power. For by the example of how I deal with you, my powerful name will be a message proclaimed throughout the earth!”***  
***Romans 9:17 (TPT)***

Paul explained to the Christians in Rome that God made Pharaoh ruler in the days of Moses so God could demonstrate His power to the people of Egypt. Moses went before Pharaoh, a very powerful man in that day. He heard God and he declared to Pharaoh what he heard God say. Moses stood before Pharaoh and boldly told him that God was requiring that Pharaoh set God's people free. Moses declared it and things happened. God is once again declaring that His people must be set free.

I declare to you, Ekklesia of God, you are free!

