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#41WillCome

Seven Ways To Slay Your Giants

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SNAPSHOT

Goliath bullied Israel for forty consecutive days begging someone to fight him and on day forty-one a young teenager named David answered the call, defeated the giant, and brought victory to a battered nation. *#41WillCome: Seven Ways To Slay Your Giants* uncovers the scriptural significance of the number forty-one, drops hope to dream big and unleashes compelling steps to knock down giants that stand in the way.

OVERVIEW

#41WillCome: Seven Ways To Slay Your Giants unlocks the biblical meaning of the number forty-one and illustrates what it represents: It rained for forty days and forty nights. Day forty-one came and the rain stopped; Moses committed murder and hid in a desert for forty years. Year forty-one came, Moses was given a second chance, and was commissioned by God to rescue Israel; The children of Israel wandered through the wilderness for forty years. Year forty-one came and a new generation entered into their Promised Land; Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for forty days and was tempted by the devil. Day forty-one came, Jesus spoke the Word, the devil fled, and Jesus launched His epic ministry; Goliath challenged Israel for forty days. Day forty-one came, David accepted the challenge and slew Goliath.

The subtitle centers on the epic battle of David and Goliath and takes the reader on a journey through 1 Samuel 17 to reveal *Seven Ways To Slay Your Giants*.

The actual story that fueled the vision for this book took place several years ago when I was the chaplain for a professional indoor football team. I delivered a short inspirational message titled “41 Will Come” before we played a semifinal game that would determine if we would

play in the Super Bowl of indoor football. We won that game 41-40! I'm going to write that again. We won that game 41-40.

Chapel was never the same after that night and neither was I. I have since shared this story on radio, television, and in multiple churches including an eight week series in the church I pastor.

Countless people began to post their declaration faith via social media with the hashtag "41 Will Come." One woman in my church had it tattoo'd on her wrist as a constant reminder that her answer to prayer is coming.

After pastoring a church for more than sixteen years the one common denominator I've seen in everyone, churched and unchurched alike, is a longing for hope.

Enter *#41WillCome*.

BENEFITS

Readers of *#41WillCome* will:

- Find hope to dream again
- Grasp how to receive a vision and run with it
- Eyeball a God of second chances
- Discover strategies to withstand storms of life
- Learn to deflect distractions
- Receive steps to overcome fear
- Gain confidence to step out in faith
- Grasp how to defuse negativity
- Attain a plan of practice, preparation, and action

- Get versed on the importance of knowing the Word of God
- Be dared to move from spectator to participator
- Collect confidence to keep standing

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

There are numerous “Christian Living” books that place some type of biblical emphasis on the number forty. My focus on the biblical significance of the number forty-on is an innovative approach that offers a fresh prospective on hope, dreaming big, and slaying giants.

Comparative Titles

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants, by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown And Company, 2013)

I purchased this book because I am fascinated with the story of David and Goliath. While Malcolm is an exceptional writer and bestselling author I believe his interpretation of the biblical account somewhat diminishes the miraculous divine intervention that took place.

Gladwell’s angle is that David wasn’t necessarily an underdog but rather had an advantage. My analysis of the same biblical account focuses on the miraculous and how God wants to use us in the same capacity that he used David.

The Circle Maker: Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears, by Mark Batterson (Zondervan, 2011)

What sucked me into *The Circle Maker* was the inspiring story of an old sage named Honi. Batterson uses this story to lay the foundation for the rest of the book on praying around the impossible and believing God for the miraculous.

My book is also begins with a miraculous real-life story that fuels the reader’s faith and instill’s hope at the get-go. However, my approach is

different than Batterson's as *The Circle Maker* focuses on prayer while my book focuses on what to do while waiting on your miracle. I believe my book compliments *The Circle Maker* because it's similarities and fresh approach will attract the same demographic.

Sun Stand Still: What Happens When You Dare To Ask God For The Impossible, by Steven Furtick (Multnomah Books, 2010)

I bought this book simply because I like Steven Furtick. I could almost hear him preaching as I read it. This is another book that focuses on the miraculous and encourages the reader to pray big audacious prayers. Furtick's book is built around the monumental biblical account of Joshua praying for the sun to stand still.

My book is similar in that I encourage the reader to believe God for the miraculous but my pathway is through 1 Samuel 17 and my focus is knocking down the roadblocks that stand between us and the miraculous.

AUTHOR BACKGROUND

Chuck Tate is the Founding and Lead Pastor of a growing and thriving church in the heart of Illinois, called RockChurch, where he has served for sixteen years. Prior to planting RockChurch, Chuck worked for a national youth ministry in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he: developed an internship program; managed, emceed, and spoke at regional youth conventions across the United States and Canada; co-produced a national television program that aired on Trinity Broadcasting Network; helped write content for a national radio program and dramatical content national youth convention tours; ghostwriter for author Eastman Curtis.

Chuck was the team chaplain for a professional indoor football team for seven seasons in Peoria, Illinois (Peoria Pirates). The outcome of one specific chapel experience and game is ultimately what fueled the

vision for #41WillCome. He has told his story via radio and television (Trinity Broadcasting Network).

The message of *#41WillCome* is part of who Chuck is as he preached his first message on David and Goliath in fifth grade. Anyone who is close to Chuck is familiar with his “41 Will Come” story as it leaks out of him. It’s his life hashtag. One woman in his congregation was so inspired by his message that she had “41 Will Come” tattoo’d on her wrist.

Chuck is known for his passionate and humorous delivery of the Word of God and communicates the Word with love and conviction in a way that people far from God can understand.

PROMOTIONAL AND PUBLICITY AVENUES

Promotional Video

Follow this link (<https://vimeo.com/113353051>) and enter the password (ReWrite2015) to view my concept video for *#41WillCome*.

Social Media and Online Presence

RockChurch App (<http://get.theapp.co/91a7>)

- 1,028 Downloads (how many devices my app is on)
- 9,042 Launches (how many times the app has been launched)
- 43,335 Impressions (total clicks once the app is opened)

*These statistics represent all totals since launching the app on May 31, 2014.

Vimeo (vimeo.com/rcpeoria) - 53,311 Loads / 11,884 Plays

Facebook (facebook.com/chucktate) - 2,244 Friends
Church Facebook Page (facebook.com/rcpeoria) - 3,150 Likes
**I submit all of my blog posts via this page.*

Twitter (twitter.com/chucketate) - 2,137 Followers
Church Twitter Account (twitter.com/rockchurch) - 589 Followers

Instagram (instagram.com/chucketate) - 587 Followers
Church Instagram Page (instagram.com/rcpeoria) - 168 Followers

Pinterest (pinterest.com/chucktate) - 239 Followers

LinkedIn (linkedin.com/in/chucketate) - 363 Connections

Google+ (google.com/chucktate70) - 85 Followers / 10,986 Views
**Fairly new to Google+*

Tumblr (chucktateblog.tumblr.com) - 42 Followers
**No longer use but account is still active*

Klout Score - 63 (App that measures and tracks social media impact)
Network Contribution Statistics

- 42% Facebook
- 31% Instagram
- 23% Twitter
- 3% LinkedIn
- 1% Google+

Speaking Engagements for 2014-2015

I am scheduled to speak every weekend for the remainder of 2014 and 40 weekends in 2015 at RockChurch in East Peoria, Illinois. RockChurch is 600+ member church with an average attendance of 500.

I will also put together a *#41WillCome* speaking tour in various churches across several states to promote the launch and release.

I plan to conduct a Kickstarter campaign to produce a trailer for my concept in Israel.

Additional Writing - Published Work As Ghostwriter

Promise Bible for Students: Contemporary English Version (Thomas Nelson, 1997)

- This was developed with teen focus groups and with Ron Luce, one of the world's most popular and respected youth leaders and president of Teen Mania Ministries. Eastman Curtis was one of the contributing editors. I was paid to write eighty of the devotional submissions he was responsible for.

Everyday I Pray For My Teenager: When all you have left is prayer...A handbook of scriptural prayers for the mothers of teenagers, by Eastman Curtis (Creation House, 1996)

Potential Endorsers

Tim Gray, Gray Media, Dallas, TX (Gray Media represents all of T.D. Jakes' Media and Several National & International Pastors & Ministries)

- "Passionate, creative, and down right hilarious! Pastor Chuck is absolutely one of the best pastors in the world today!"

Maureen Gray, Producer (*The World Race* - Coming to Major Cable Network in 2015), Dallas, TX

- "I have known Chuck for almost two decades and have watched as he has matured in his ministry with boldness and a confidence that only comes from a deep understanding of Gods Word and nature.

41 Will Come is not merely a catchy headline of inspiring stories - it is a truth lived out in Chuck's life and ministry that will encourage and strengthen even the most disappointed of hearts to wait for the promise of their God."

Jim Les, Head Men's Basketball Coach (UCDavis), Former NCAA Sweet 16 Coach (Bradley University), Former NBA Player and WNBA Coach

- "*41 Will Come* will "coach" any aspiring person to tackle life's daily challenges and live a Christ-centered life with passion and purpose."

Jim Powell, Author of *Dirt Matters*

- "I have witnessed Chuck Tate's leadership over the past decade, watching his church grow and thrive as a light in the greater Peoria area. I am excited and fully behind him and his vision for *41 Will Come*."

Sean Keith, Worship Pastor, James River Assembly, Springfield, MO

- "Chuck Tate is a man passionate about life, people and, most importantly, Christ. He is a visionary leader with the wisdom and boldness to advance the Kingdom wherever God leads him."

Blaine Bartel, Author, TV Personality, Pastor

- "Pastor Chuck Tate has been a good friend for many years and this book is a powerful reflection of a life well lived. He has pushed through what appeared to be insurmountable obstacles to build one of the most extraordinary churches I have ever witnessed. *41 Will Come* will inspire and equip you to get to the glorious destination God has waiting for you!"

James Markley, Radio Personality, WMBD 1470, Peoria, IL

- "Chuck Tate is the real deal. He's a fearless visionary, a man who walks a difficult line between speaking truth, yet speaking it in love. Our culture needs more guys who aren't afraid to truly teach the

gospel, no matter who it might offend or how politically incorrect it is. Chuck is that guy."

Pastor Tom Elmore, Thrive Church, Houston, Texas (Former Youth Pastor for Joel Osteen and Lakewood Church)

- "Chuck Tate is the one of the most innovative and unique story tellers I have ever come across. His insight and leadership make his book worth every minute."

Bill Allison, Cadre Ministries, Peoria, IL

- "Hope. Encouragement. Truth. Fun. But most of all, Jesus. This is who I know Chuck Tate to be. And I've known Chuck for over 20 years. As the church planter and lead pastor of RockChurch in East Peoria, IL, Chuck has faced his fair share of giants. He's got the scars to prove it. Yet, his heart is still full of hope, encouragement, Truth, fun and Jesus. That's precisely why you'll love *41 Will Come*."

Pastor Bob Beeman, Sanctuary International, Nashville, TN

- "I am excited to see my good friend Chuck Tate put into book form what has embodied his ministry for years! I've watched Chuck grow from humble beginnings to this group of growing, healthy, enthused people known as "RockChurch." That same message of hope and encouragement flows through the pages of *41 Will Come*. A must read!"

Additional Potential Endorsers

- John Bishop, author of *Dangerous Church* and *God Distorted*
- Amanda Noelle Wilcox, Worship Artist
- Scot Mendenhall, Potential Church, Church Planter
- Darrell Evans, Worship Artist

CHAPTER SUMMARIES

Chapter 1 — Pipe Dreams & Promised Lands

Pipe dreams and promised lands seem unattainable in the natural, but when we add God to the equation our distant day dreams and pending promises become present realities and promises fulfilled. This chapter introduces the reader to this central message by giving five biblical examples of how day forty-one or year forty-one can deliver a second chance, new beginning, monumental victory, vision fulfilled, or hope for the future.

Chapter 2 — Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum

This chapter breaks down the three thousand year old story of “David and Goliath” and connects Goliath with any bully or giant that stands between the reader and their second chance, new beginning, victory, vision, and/or hope for the future. Beyond having the reader identify their own giant(s), it is in this chapter that the subtitle *Seven Ways To Slay Your Giants* is made known.

Chapter 3 — Can You Hear Me?

This chapter emphasizes how David *heard* Goliath’s challenge and compares his response to the army of Israel’s response. They both heard Goliath’s words, they both listened, and they both responded. The army of Israel responded in fear and did nothing while David responded in faith and did something. This chapter introduces the first way to slay giants which is *Be Aware of Your Enemy*.

Chapter 4 — “10-4 Good Buddy!”

This chapter illustrates how technology has advanced by comparing CB code (“10-4 is CB code language for “message received”) to the modern day iPhone craze. This illustration is used to help the reader understand how David received his vision from God and embraced it, i.e. the second way to slay giants — *Embrace Your Cause*.

Chapter 5 — Smash Mouth

This chapter introduces the third way to slay giants — *Punch Fear in the Face!* The entire chapter gives the reader applicable steps to overcome fear and display courage by pointing out David’s courage, and is laced heavily with humor. The author reveals several irrational fears and phobias that help the reader identify with...and laugh.

Chapter 6 — The Doubt Factor

This chapter highlights how negativity will cripple you and could have detoured David’s destiny had he listened to the doubters. The reader is given three steps to *Write-Off Words of Doubt*, which is the fourth way to slay giants.

Chapter 7 — Rawk Stance

This chapter begins with a detailed explanation of the title. If you’ve ever been to a larger-than-life rock concert then you are most likely familiar with the “rawk stance” right before the first song begins. By “rawk stance” I mean the stance the rock star gets in right before the first chord is played, e.g. legs spread, one hand on the instrument, the other held high with clenched fist. A rock band cannot take the stage without first being prepared, and you cannot be prepared without practice. This chapter illustrates how David was prepared to fight Goliath and lays out the fifth way to slay giants — *Practice*.

Chapter 8 — Boom Goes The Dynamite

This chapter communicates how vital it is to know and speak the Word of God and is illustrated by the author’s personal testimony of his son being miraculously healed of a brachial plexus injury. David spoke the Word and told Goliath what he was going to do to him before he did it so it’s only fitting that the sixth way to slay giant is *Word Up!*

Chapter 9 — Reckless Charge

This chapter emphasizes David’s boldness to not only step onto the playing field but to charge Goliath. The reader is challenged to go on the offensive and *Attack!* (seventh way to slay giants).

Chapter 10 — Winning

This chapter recaps all seven ways to slay giants and tells two miraculous stories of how forty-one came for the author's brother-in-law and close friend. The book ends by instilling hope and inspiring the reader to proclaim and post hashtag *41 Will Come!*

SAMPLE MATERIAL

INTRODUCTION — The BIG Game!

*Don't give up and be helpless in times of trouble.
~Proverbs 24:10 (CEV)*

God was about to blow my mind. I parked my car at the Civic Center and pushed through the humid air toward the underground tunnel. The Peoria Pirates of the inaugural Indoor Football League were about to go to war with the Dayton Skyhawks in the semifinal game of the playoffs. The winner would go on to play for the treasured Gold Cup. As team chaplain, I was locked, loaded, and ready to throw down my ten minute pre-game chapel talk with an inspiring message that I originally meant to be my season-opening message. It's crystal clear now why I had "put it off" each week until this memorable night.

I opened chapel with prayer and began sharing the biblical significance of the number forty-one. I had read and heard a lot about the significance of the number forty, but this talk was specifically about the number that comes after forty.

Here was my chapel message in a nutshell:

41 Will Come.

It rained for 40 days and 40 nights.
41 came and the rain stopped.

Moses committed murder and hid in a desert for 40 years.
41 came as he was given a second chance and commissioned by God to rescue Israel from Egypt.

The children of Israel wandered the wilderness for 40 years.
41 came and a new generation entered their Promised Land.

Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and was tempted by the devil.
41 came, the devil fled, angels showed up, and Jesus launched His epic ministry.

For 40 days Goliath bullied Israel and begged someone to fight him.
41 came and David slew Goliath.

Do you see the theme? Don't quit. The rain will stop. You will enter your "promised land." God believes in second chances. Your vision is right around the corner. Your giant will fall. Forty-one will come.

Let's fast-forward to the end of the game. Peoria led 41 to 34 with less than one minute to play. Dayton sliced through Peoria's defense and scored a touchdown that would likely send the game to overtime. Extra points in the NFL are automatic. Extra points in arena football even with less space between the crossbars are automatic. Yet to everyone's surprise and the home team's sheer jubilation, Dayton's kicker did the unthinkable and MISSED the extra point!

Final score: Peoria 41, Dayton 40.

Whoa. Mind blown. That's right. Forty-one to forty.

We had just won a smash-mouth arena football game, an intense battle that ushered us into the championship game in our inaugural season! I dove over the press table box seats where I had been sitting and stormed the field with almost everyone else in the arena to join in the mayhem and congratulate the players. "Forty-one came tonight,

man! Great job, baby!” I screamed at each player I encountered. Each response was the same: long pause (as the thought of the final score collided with our pre-game chapel talk); half-cocked crazy grin (as if it ask, “Are you kidding me?!”; and then loud, boisterous “Woot, woot, woot’s!”

I will be the first to admit that my short chapel talk is not the reason we won that game, but intrinsically, God used it, almost audibly, to speak to the players, coaches, me, and hopefully to *you*.

Whether you are stuck in the storms of life, stranded in the wilderness of unexpected circumstances, in serious need of a second chance, or perhaps you are staring at what seems to be an unsurmountable giant, I have two words for you — DON’T QUIT. Don’t roll over. Don’t throw in the towel. Don’t you dare give up! The rain will stop, an oasis will appear, grace and mercy will be extended, and your giant will fall.

Forty-one will come.

God can use anyone.

God can use anything.

Even an indoor football game? Yep.

Forty-one is on its way...

~Chuck

CHAPTER ONE — Pipe Dreams & Promised Lands

For forty days the rain poured down without stopping. And the water became deeper and deeper, ~Genesis 7:17a

“After a storm comes a calm.” ~Matthew Henry

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty.

There are numerous examples in the Bible that almost mysteriously connect the number forty to a period of trial, testing, and hardship. Growing up in church I heard a lot of sermons preached with an emphasis on the number forty, but I'm going to zero in on the number that comes *after* forty. I'm going to focus on the number forty-one. I truly believe that the forty-first day and forty-first year in Scripture oftentimes represents a beacon of light that ignites hope for pipe dreams and promised lands.

No, there's nothing magical about the number forty-one and yes, some people place too much significance on biblical numerology, but there really are enough instances throughout Scripture that should make us sit up and pay attention.

- It rained for forty days and forty nights while Noah and his family were inside the ark. Enter day forty-one. The rain stopped. The storm ceased. Day forty-one resuscitated hope. Day forty-one returned sunlight. Day forty-one delivered a calm after the storm.

- Moses killed a slave-master while defending a Hebrew slave. Fear led Moses out of the comforts of Egypt and into the backside of the desert where he remained for forty years. Enter year forty-one. Moses was commissioned by God via burning bush to be the rescuer of Israel. Year forty-one birthed a second chance and created a clean slate. Year forty-one revealed his calling. Year forty-one published a new chapter.
- The Israelites wandered the wilderness for forty years perhaps wondering if they would really enter the land promised to them. Enter year forty-one. What once seemed like a pipe dream became a reality as a new generation finally entered the promised land. Year forty-one hand-delivered a dream come true. Year forty-one exchanged forty years of eating manna and quail for milk and honey. Year forty-one revealed the needle in the haystack. Year forty-one signified a much-needed new beginning.
- Goliath taunted and challenged Israel everyday for forty days to see if anyone had enough courage to fight him. Enter forty-one. Day forty-one dispatched victory for an entire nation because one young man was brave enough to step out in faith. Day forty-one brought freedom. Day forty-one crushed the giant standing between God's people and their destiny.
- Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days as preparation to launch his ministry on Earth. And it was during this time that the devil did everything within his power to disrupt, distract, and destroy what Jesus was set out to do. Jesus, however, was prepared. Jesus was ready. The Living Word spoke the Written Word and the great deceiver tucked his tail and ran as angels showed up to minister to Jesus. Enter day forty-one. Day forty-one launched a ministry unlike any other. Day forty-one paved the way for miracle after miracle and eventually brought about the only miracle that has never been duplicated. When Jesus raised himself from the dead mankind was redeemed. Salvation had come. Hope showed up. Had Jesus quit on day forty all would be lost.

Your story is not finished. Perhaps you're stuck in a downpour or lost in a desert for what seems like forty days or even forty years? Maybe you're hiding or running as fast as you can away from a giant? Maybe you're so hungry for God to move in your life or in the life of a son, daughter, mom, dad, family member or fiend, that you feel like it's never going to happen. Do you feel so spiritually empty that you desperately need a fresh start? Or perhaps you have given up on the future because you feel stuck and defined by your past?

You might be stuck on day one, two, seven, eighteen, twenty-nine, or even forty, but guess what? It's not over. Forty-one is on its way.

Forty-one embodies:

Hope.

Second chances.

Fresh starts.

Clean slates.

New days.

New chapters.

New beginnings.

Promises fulfilled.

Vision.

Victory.

Impossible becoming possible.

Tests becoming testimonies.

Messes becoming messages.

“Forty-one will come” is a declaration of faith that things will get better, the rain will stop, the sun will shine, the day will break, the page will turn, the answer will show up, the pipe dream will become reality, the promised land will be inhabited, and the giant will fall.

We serve a God who is big enough to restore relationships, heal bodies, extend provision, change your circumstances, breathe new life into any situation, and wipe out your sin and the shame associated with it.

Not only do we serve a God who is big enough, but we serve a God who *wants* to. He wants to deliver, heal, restore, save, and set you free.

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is when a leper approached Jesus with a desperate plea for help. This outcast of society walked up to Jesus and said, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” I love what Jesus did next. He touched the untouchable. Think about how huge this is! Jesus *touched* a leper. He touched an outcast. He touched someone who was unclean. But it’s not just “the touch” that grabbed the heart of this particular leper. The words that followed the touch are what changed the life of that leper forever. Jesus said, “I am willing.”

During the next several chapters I’m going to give you seven ways to slay your giants. After all, it’s usually a giant that stands between you and your pipe dreams and promised lands.

So go ahead and log into Facebook and post something that you’re believing God for and hashtag forty-one will come (#41WillCome) at the end of the sentence! Get on Twitter and tweet your expectation

and hashtag your declaration of faith! Take a picture via Instagram and let the hashtag be your virtual “Amen” that punctuates your confidence in Jesus the giant slayer.

“_____!” #41WillCome