



David

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1 Samuel 17:41-51

What a shot!

The Philistine giant could not believe his eyes when he saw David coming toward him. All David had to fight with was his shepherd's stick, a sling and five smooth stones he had found in a stream. Goliath started walking toward David to get a better look. "What's that stick for?" he asked. "Am I a dog?" He swore at David and said, "I will give your body to the birds and animals to eat!" David replied, "You have a sword, a spear and a javelin. I come with the Lord God Almighty on my side. Today, everyone will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save His people." David took a stone from his pocket, put it in his sling and hurled it at Goliath. The stone hit Goliath on the head and he fell to the ground. Then David ran up to Goliath and used his sword to cut off his head. How do I get rid of a giant in my life? Goliath would just not stop! Day after day he came out to mock the Israelites. Each day he stood there laughing, the Israelites felt more helpless and defeated. If it weren't for Goliath, they may have had the courage to attack the enemy. You have probably faced many problems and tackled each one with courage. Yet there may be a Goliath-sized obstacle inside you that seems to be there all the time—laughing at you day after day. It may be a bad memory that keeps you from trusting people; it may be a fear that keeps you from doing your best; it may be difficulty with schoolwork; or it may be the way you see yourself. Go get that giant! Pray for courage, then face your problem head-on in God's strength and with God's armor.

Verse for today

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. **1 John 5:4**