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Old Testament 3

Law/Gospel

Left to fight sin, death, and the devil myself, I would perish.

Jesus fights triumphantly for me against my adversaries of sin, death, and the devil because they are too great for me. His victory is my victory.

Bible Words

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Quotable

David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine" (1 Samuel 17:37).

Just Joking

Who was the Bible's best babysitter?

David, because he rocked Goliath to sleep

David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17

David lived about a thousand years before his descendant Jesus. Born in Bethlehem, this youngest son of Jesse cared for his father's sheep while his brothers joined Saul's army to fight the Philistines. Not yet twenty years old, David could not serve in the army.

David discovered a fearful Israelite army when his father, Jesse, sent him to take food to his soldier brothers. Ancient armies sometimes decided battles by fighting opposing champions, and that was the case that day. Goliath, the Philistine champion, challenged Israel every morning and evening for forty days, but no one would fight the nine-foot-tall giant.

David couldn't believe it when he heard Goliath's insulting challenge. He asked, "Who is this heathen who defies the armies of the living God?" David tried to encourage the soldiers, but finally volunteered himself. Refusing Saul's heavy armor, but trusting in the Lord, David picked up five smooth stones. Taking his sling, he approached Goliath.

Goliath cursed and asked David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" David replied, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand" (1 Samuel 17:43, 45).

David's first stone struck the Philistine in the forehead, and he fell on his face, dead. The Philistines ran and the Israelites pursued them.

Once again our all-powerful God worked through an underdog. God works in hidden ways. Only those who see Him through His Word can see His work. Was David brave? Of course! Even more, David had the Spirit of the Lord and he could not lose (1 Samuel 16:13)

Prayer

Jesus, give us faith and courage as we face the giants who perplex and torment us. Empower us to serve You. In Your name we pray. Amen.