

The Problem with Tomorrow

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1 Samuel 17 38-40, 38 Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail.³⁹ David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. “I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So, David took them off again. 40 He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd’s bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd’s staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:46, David said to the Philistine; “Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!”

1 Samuel 17:49, “Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground.”

1 Samuel 17:50-51, 50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. 51 Then David ran over and pulled Goliath’s sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head.

1. You already have what you need to accomplish the will of God for today.

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2. Now is the time to use what God has given you.

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Isaiah 54:17, No weapon formed against you shall prosper.

3. God does not waste seasons, not even the painful ones.

Romans 5:3-4, 3 we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.