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Of Donkeys And Sheep

1 Samuel 9: There was a Benjamite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bekorath, the son of Aphiah of Benjamin. 2 Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head **taller than anyone else.**

Judges 9: 16 Among all these soldiers there were seven hundred select troops who were left-handed, each of whom **could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.**

1 Samuel 9: 3 Now the donkeys belonging to Saul's father Kish were lost, and Kish said to his son Saul, "Take one of the servants with you and go and look for the donkeys."

Judges 17: 6 In those days Israel had no king;
everyone did as they saw fit.

I Samuel 17: Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah. 2 Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. 3 The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

I Samuel 17: 4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His **height** was **six** cubits and a span. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; 6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. 7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed **six** hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him. (**six** pieces of armor)

Goliath--"666"

The number for "man"

I Samuel 17: 8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.”

I Samuel 17: 10 Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” **11** On hearing the Philistine’s words, **Saul** and all the Israelites were dismayed and **terrified**.

Where is Saul?

Living up to his nature
(1 Samuel 10:22)

I Samuel 17: 25 Now the Israelites had been saying, “Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel.”

I Samuel 17: 26 David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

1 Samuel 17: 31 What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.

32 David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

33 Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

1 Samuel 17: 43 He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”

I Samuel 17: 45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

1 Samuel 17: 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

I Samuel 17: 48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. **49** Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

I Samuel 17: 50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.



What most Christians need:
the faith to get up and fight.to
get up and fight.

Cast your **stone!**

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(1) Our battle is not a worldly
one.

I Samuel 17: 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he **fell facedown on the ground.**

Ephesians 6: 12 For our struggle is **not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

(The Message) This is no weekend war that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish **against the Devil and all his angels**.

Don't be fooled by phony
enemies.

1 Samuel 17: 28 When **Eliab, David's oldest brother**, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

I Samuel 17: 29 “Now what have I done?” said David. “Can’t I even speak?” 30 He then **turned away** to someone else...

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(2) Our weapons are spiritual.

I Samuel 17: 45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with **sword and spear** and javelin, but I come against you **in the name of the Lord Almighty**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. **46** This day **the Lord will deliver** you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head.

Ephesians 6: 14 Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place, 15 and with your **feet fitted** with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God. (**six pieces of armor**)

Ephesians 6: 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

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**(3) Don't fight Goliath on
Goliath's terms.**

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(4) Retreat is not an option.

I Samuel 17: 48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly **toward the battle line** to meet him.

Matthew 16: 18 And I tell you that you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church, and the
gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 6: 13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Deliverance is not about God
removing us from the fight.

It's about asking God to stand
between us and our enemy.

Psalm 23: 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

We should always flee
temptation (2 Timothy 2:22).

We should always engage
Satan and his kingdom
(together)

The armor of God has only one
weakness: **nothing protects the
back.**

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