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Two Shepherds

Two Stones

I Samuel 17: 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.

4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.

1 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.**

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."

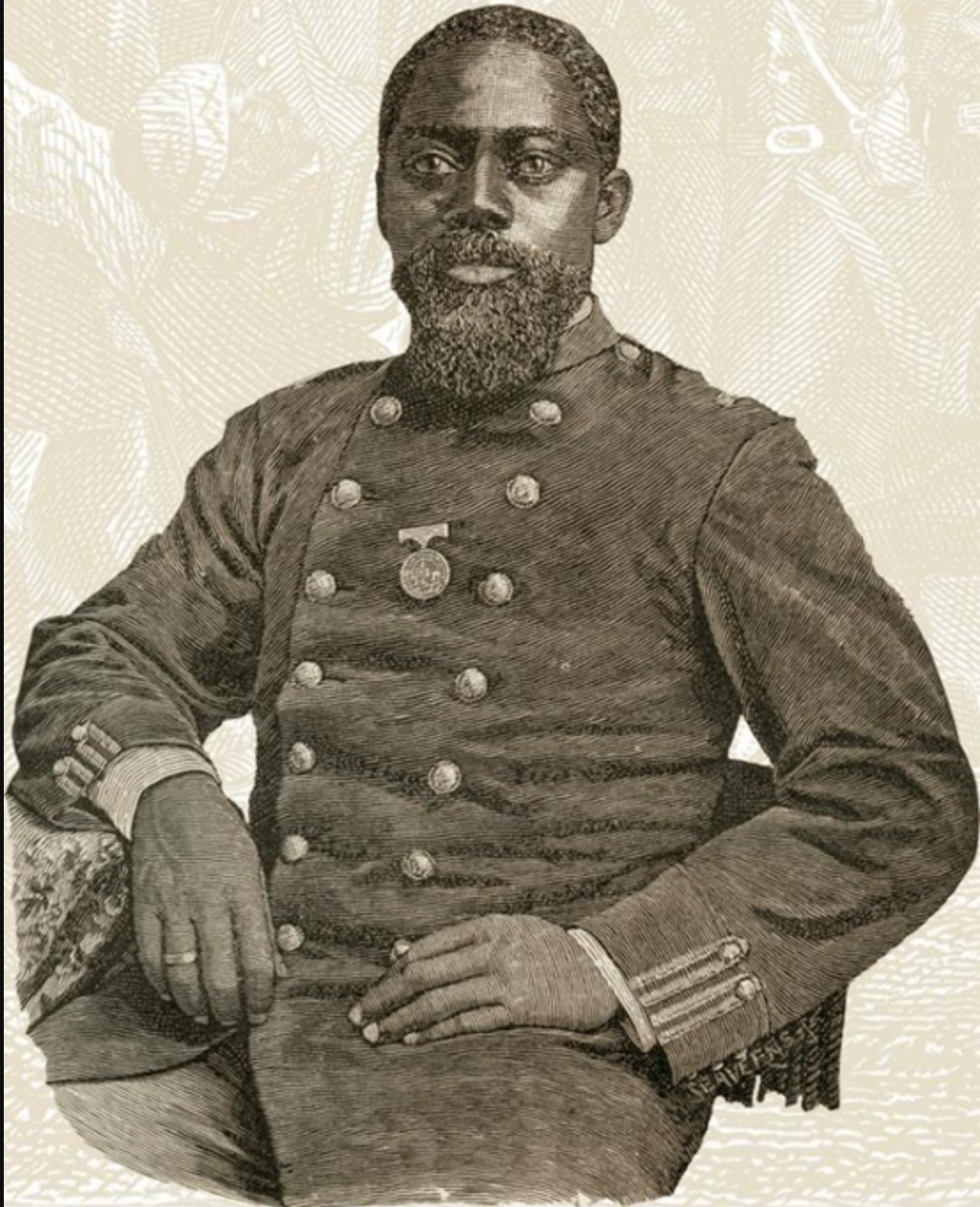
I Samuel 17: 48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. **49** Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

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.

I Samuel 17: 51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. 52 Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath and to the gates of Ekron

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Sgt. William Carney



If Audie Murphy did what David
did, it would increase the
Israelite's courage.

What David did increased their
faith.

We should follow Jesus
because, like David, he took
down a giant with a stone.

Daniel 2: 39 “After you, another kingdom will arise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth. 40 Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others.

Daniel 2: 44 “In the time of those kings, **the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed**, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. **45 This is the meaning of the vision of the rock** cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces.





David didn't demonstrate God's
power in the world.

He revealed it.

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(1) Jesus is victorious!

1 Corinthians 15: 55

“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 Corinthians 15: 58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, **stand firm. Let nothing move you.** Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.



General
Jonathan
Wainwright

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(2) Don't align yourself with a fallen enemy.

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**.

Matthew 10: 28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. **Rather, be afraid of the One** who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Discipleship begins with fear
appropriately placed in God.

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