



David vs. Goliath 1 Samuel 16-17

Main Focus: Even when you can't see Him, God is _____ for your victory!

Last week: Even when I cannot see...God's right there in _____ of me!

Today's Big Idea: God's power shines through my _____!

Don't _____ to the Critics

Critics: "You're all _____!"

My Response: "I won't be _____."

Critics: "You don't _____ what it takes!"

My Response: "It's not about _____."

Critics: "You can't _____!"

My Response: "God is on my side, I can't _____!"

David was considered to:

- _____ (1 Samuel 17:28)
- _____, young and _____ (1 Samuel 17:33)

God's Power is _____ in Your Weaknesses.

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10, ESV)

- "Perfect" – to _____, to carry through completely, to _____, to _____ and bring to an end. (Vines)
- Don't ask God to _____ your battles.
- Ask Him to _____ His work in you.
- Great hardships can drive you to your _____.
- Your struggles can transform your _____.
- God's _____ is enough to conquer every weaknesses and every battle.

God's Power is _____ Through Your Weaknesses.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

(2 Corinthians 4:7-11)

- Your life was designed to _____ God's power.
- Believe in yourself the way _____ believes in you.
- God can use you to do _____ things for Him.
- God will give you the _____ that you need.
- God's grace and power _____ brightly through your weaknesses.

God's Power in the Past Gives _____ for the Future.

Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him. Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used _____ to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it.

Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!" (1 Samuel 17:31-37)

When faced with extraordinary challenges and battles:

- _____ in God's presence.
- _____ His provision in overcoming smaller obstacles.
- _____ your attention to His unlimited power.
- _____ your faith on His promises. (Romans 8:28)
- _____ with all of your strength when he leads you to do so.

Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine. (1 Samuel 17:40, NIV)

God's power _____ through my weaknesses!



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Don't Listen to the Critics

Critics: "You're all **talk!**"

My Response: "I won't be **discouraged.**"

Critics: "You don't **have** what it takes!"

My Response: "It's not about **me.**"

Critics: "You can't **win!**"

My Response: "God is on my side, I can't **lose!**"

David was considered too:

- **Unskilled** (1 Samuel 17:28)
- **Weak**, young and **Inexperienced** (1 Samuel 17:33)

God's Power is Perfected in Your Weaknesses.

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10, ESV)

- "Perfect" – to **complete**, to carry through completely, to **accomplish**, to **finish** and bring to an end. (*Vines*)
- Don't ask God to **remove** your battles.
- Ask Him to **accomplish** His work in you.
- Great hardships can drive you to your **knees**.
- Your struggles can transform your **witness**.
- God's **grace** is enough to conquer every weaknesses and every battle.

God's Power is Displayed Through Your Weaknesses.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. (2 Corinthians 4:7-11)

- Your life was designed to **demonstrate** God's power.
- Believe in yourself the way **God** believes in you.
- God can use you to do **big** things for Him.
- God will give you the **strength** that you need.
- God's grace and power **shine** brightly through your weaknesses.

God's Power in the Past Gives Confidence for the Future.

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When faced with extraordinary challenges and battles:

- **Remain** in God's presence.
- **Remember** His provision in overcoming smaller obstacles.
- **Redirect** your attention to His unlimited power.
- **Rest** your faith on His promises. (Romans 8:28)
- **Respond** with all of your strength when he leads you to do so.

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