

A Victorious Faith

David said in 1 Samuel 17:45, *"Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied."* David's faith in God was intensely real to him. Truly God was a *"refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"* (Psalms 46:1).

David's faith had several noteworthy characteristics. First, it was a faith in the living God (Acts 14:15). No idol was good enough for David. Second, it was a faith that was tried and strengthened by experience (1 Peter 1:6-7). David knew that God would protect him because He had done it in the past. Third, it was a faith that worked (Ephesians 2:8-9). God did not lay Goliath dead in David's arms. He had to use his skill. Fourth, it was a faith that never wavered (Romans 4:19). David never showed the slightest hesitation because he knew God was capable of helping him defeat the Philistine. Fifth, it was a faith that triumphed gloriously (John 16:33). This was no half-hearted victory. God overwhelming delivered not only David but all the Israelites that day. Truly all of these attributes make him one that God described as *"a man after mine own heart"* (Acts 13:22). Oh, that we could have that kind of faith today!

John wrote, *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith"* (1 John 5:4). Will your faith hold? You can increase it by hearing God's word (Romans 10:17). If you would like to study more about faith and how it can be developed, please contact us or attend our assemblies listed above. We welcome all who seek the truth of God's will!

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