them.'So he took them off.

Victory!

1 Samuel 17:40 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.

⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David.

⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. 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 of the air and the beasts of the field!''

1 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 hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

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."

1 Sam. 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 face down on the ground.

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.

⁵¹ David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut

David and Goliath

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Goliath and the Philistine army

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.

1 Samuel 17:4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine
feet tall. 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.

Numbers 13:32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.

³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

Joshua 11:21 At that time Joshua went and destroyed the Anakites from the hill country: from Hebron, Debir and Anab, from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua totally destroyed them and their towns. ²² No Anakites were left in Israelite territory; only in Gaza, Gath and Ashdod did any survive. *1 Samuel 17:4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp.*

The crisis worsens

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."

1 Samuel 17:9 "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."

1 Samuel 17:10 Then the Philistine said, This day I defy the ranks 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 Peter 5:8 (RSV) Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour.

David volunteers and is met with a scathing rebuke

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 desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

David's confidence. Based on what?

1 Samuel 17:32 David said to Saul, Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

1 Samuel 17:34 But David said to Saul, Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came
and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

 1 Samuel 17:36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

1 Samuel 17:37 The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine. 'Saul said to David, 'Go, and the
LORD be with you."

1 Samuel 17:38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. **I** cannot go in these, 'he said to Saul, Because I am not used to