

# David: Seeing with eyes of faith in battle

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What is something that filled you with awe or wonder recently?

**When we see Jesus for who HE is, our enemies and fears shrink down to size.**

**“If we are to get the most out of the Jesus story, we must first look to get all out of the David story.”**

Eugene Peterson

**“The David story serves to train us in the seeing, accepting, and participating in the miracles hidden in ordinary life.”** Pastor Rick

**David’s human-ness and how God works in the ordinariness**

## 1 Samuel 22-26

It's striking how David sees and hears things that others do not.

- Israelite troops: see and hear an intimidating giant from the Philistine camp
- David sees and hears only blasphemous defiance of the armies of the Living God!

**He sees that Goliath is no match for the Living God!**

### Interaction with Eliab (v. 28-30)

**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.”

### Interaction with Saul

David says “Don’t worry about the Philistine, I’ll go fight him!”

### v. 34-37

*David's fine throwing that day was not accidental, nor was it by a miracle—that the stone went so straight to its mark. He had practiced with his sling until he could strike a hair's breadth and never miss. He had spent his leisure to some purpose while watching the sheep. He did not know then what splendid use his skill would one day be to him—but unconsciously, in his pleasant pastime, he was preparing for the great crisis of that day. -J.R. Miller*

**David sees what others cannot...WHY?**

**Jesus said in his famous Sermon on the Mount, “Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God.”**

What do we see in the example of Jesus?

(Phil 2:5-8)

## Armed for battle

*Ephesians 6 talks about the Armor which God supplies to us. We are encouraged to daily put them on and practice using them!*

## David's battle cry v. 45-47

God's Plan	The Enemy's Plan
To give you a foundation for life	To have you build your life on happiness
To do good to you	To rob all good from you
To be your strength	To tempt you to rely on self strength
To be your provision	To keep you worrying about what you need
To be your rest	To keep you running
To give you faith	To keep you in unbelief, doubt and fear
To give you the security of belonging	To keep you searching for security

*Source: A Woman Who Trusts God, by Debbie Alsdorf*

## Application:

**Fan the flame** – lean in to the gifts and passions God has given you!

For me, it may involve looking back to interests from my youth!

**Stand firm**

Ephesians 6:10-17

v. 10 Paul ends this letter like a dad full of advice. He wants to prepare and protect these dear people.

v. 11 Put on ALL of God's armor so that we can stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

v. 13 repeats v.11. Good news! Resisting the enemy is possible and after the battle we'll still be standing firm.

v. 14 Third time we're told to stand our ground!

**Equipment:** belt of truth, body armor of God's righteousness, shoes fitted with Gospel of peace (we're not at war with God. We're not His enemy anymore through the Gospel. He's picked us for His team, chosen us and given us a new identity.

v. 16 Hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows. Only piece of equipment Paul gives instructions on how to use it. Why? Know how we'll be attacked. Practically speaking we may need one another to help hold up shield of faith. Which is why it's important to not be alone in your walk!

v.17 Protect your head...it's a vulnerable spot. Keep salvation in mind each day! Wear it as a helmet. Guard our thoughts and protect your identity.

Take sword of Spirit which is the word of God. It's our only offensive weapon. We saw Jesus use it to fight Satan in the desert. Important to know the Word of God! Satan knows it too.

Are you putting on God's armor to be comfortable using it? What steps do you need to take?

### **Summary:**

1. **David knew himself.** He didn't try to be anyone else; his skills and experiences had prepared him; stood up to negativity from brother; and also to King Saul.
2. **David saw God rightly, as a big and mighty God!**
3. **David knew how to do warfare. He made His God bigger than the enemy.**

**In the stillness of your heart, what fear is rising up against you? The perfect love of Jesus casts out all fear!**

Together let's pray for increased faith...as we **choose to see God and know that God has us!**

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Reflection **Good Plans song-- <https://youtu.be/y6Zipfza6B0>**