

The Pray More Lenten Retreat Study Guide

Facing Our Goliaths: The Most Famous Old Testament Story We've Never Heard

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Reflective Questions

- After Saul accepted that David was going into battle, he gave David his armor, but David took it off because it didn't fit him. He wanted, instead, what fit him, what he had, what he had used. Similarly, we are intended to fight our battles with our personal armor -- not that of another person's. God gives us the strength and graces we need to handle each situation that presents itself in our lives. How has He given you what you needed to fight your battles?
- Saul was responding out of fear and David was responding out of faith. How have you chosen faith over fear? What is it that you need to continue to choose faith over fear?
- The small pebble that David threw at Goliath hit him in the forehead and knocked him over, dead. It's hard to believe, isn't it? But this is the kind of thing that happens when someone denies him or herself and stands for God. Impossible things can happen. Have you witnessed this before? How God gives the strength to someone in a situation where it seemed like an impossible feat?
- The Hebrew people said, "God has intervened. God has performed a miracle this day. Why? Because this guy had the guts to show up on the battlefield." The moral of this story is that if we trust Him and show up, God will have the victory everytime. He will fight on our behalf. Where do you need Him to do that? Where is He calling you to show up and fight?