

³¹What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him. ³²David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.” ³³Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” ³⁴But 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,

1 Samuel 17:31-37 (NIV)



³⁵I 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. 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. ³⁷The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

1 Samuel 17:31-37 (NIV)



BEFORE GOLIATH



Faith is built before Goliath.



God uses our private battles to grow our
spiritual confidence.



Faith argues from the past in order to
face the present.



Everyone Has a Lion and a Bear in Their Private World

...When **a lion or a bear came** and carried off
a sheep from the flock...

1 Samuel 17:34 (NIV)



Lions: Sources of intimidation.
Bears: Battles with appetites.



God Doesn't Give Us More Than We Can Handle

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 17:36 (NIV)



We will never win publicly what we can't win privately.



No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)



**They Have to Be Confronted
and It Has to Be Supernatural**

The Lord who rescued me from the paw of
the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue
me from the hand of this Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:37 (NIV)



The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have **divine power** to demolish strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV)



For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if **by the Spirit** you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 8:13 (NIV)

