

# AGAINST THE GIANT

*This white marble sculpture is displayed in a museum in Rome. It is a statue of the young King David holding a sling and a stone. This Bible verse is about David against the giant Philistine. You and I sometimes face a giant. It can be a person or a task. How do you deal with it?*

*The young David was a muscular teenager shepherding sheep in the wilderness. He didn't know God was preparing him with a specific skill to offend the giant. It took him time to mature that skill. It is not a sword that most armies would use, but a sling and a stone. God may be preparing you for a specific skill for use by God in the future. Are you patiently learning and practicing what God has given and guided you to do?*

*The other aspect of David's success is his bravery and willingness. If he weren't brave, he would not stand up to the giant. One needs to be brave and have confidence in God and oneself.*

*Finally, trust in the Lord. As the earlier verse (1 Samuel 17:47) states, the battle is the Lord's. We need to trust God to be with you in your battle. Once you do your best, the rest is up to the Lord.*

1 Samuel 17:50 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.

