



Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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1 Samuel 17:52

“And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines...”
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Now David defeated Goliath and totally demoralized the Philistine army single-handedly. And it was at this point that the men of Israel stood up and began to act like real men. Sometimes we too need to “stand in faith, act like men, and be strong.” (1 Corinthians 16:13) But like Israel, we too need a champion, someone who can lead us into battle, someone who when the battle is engaged will defeat our giants, demoralize our enemies and motivate us to “stand in faith, act like men and be strong!”

Jesus Christ is that Champion! He alone can defeat our enemies and clothe us with a courageousness that puts to flight the armies of our enemy. His triumph at Calvary infuses us with a new purpose and determination to triumph over our own sins – to face our own difficulties in a new found Holy Spirit power – and to not only chase the armies of the devil, but to plunder his camp and proclaim the Good News to those for whom Jesus died!

Yes, it will take courage to arise and to fight when you may have experienced years of defeat. Yes, it may take turning your back on those voices from your past that constantly whisper remembrances of your past failures. Yes, it may require a new vision and a new purpose, but then, Jesus holds those as well – waiting for you to trust Him and take hold of them in faith.

Arise, dear saint, stand in faith, act like a man, and be strong for Jesus has utterly defeated your enemies!