

How to Have Hope When It's Hard
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Scripture References:

- 1 Samuel 17:12-40, *NLT*
- Galatians 3:13
- Proverbs 6:31

Summary:

The world we live in is filled with negativity, despair, and hopelessness; however, the Bible reveals to us how we can experience victory despite what's going on around us. In the Old Testament, David the young shepherd provided a strong example of how to overcome challenges. Despite the fear around him when Goliath showed up, David never gave up hope; he faced a giant much bigger than himself and slew him. There's an enemy loose in the world today—Satan—who wants to make his presence known, but we don't have to feel intimidated, afraid, hopeless, or inferior; we can draw from the lessons David taught when we face the Goliaths in our lives.

Notes:

1. David could have cowered and run when he saw Goliath, but he knew God was with him.
2. Like Goliath, the devil will try to stay front and center in our lives to get us to focus on his plan; like David, when we look at the hardships and difficulties we face, we must look with a mindset of bringing them to an end.
3. Sometimes people will try to talk us into doing what's in *their* hearts; we need the courage to act on what God has put in *our* hearts.
4. We must rise to the occasion if we're to defeat the giants in our lives; like David did, it's critical to show up for the battle ready to fight. We must take the fight to the enemy when he tries to steal what God already gave us.
5. When the devil tries to hide and tell us we must settle for curses, we have the authority to override him; the blood of Jesus has broken all the curses.

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