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# Introduction:

Sonny Liston and George Foreman lost to Muhammad Ali, Mike Tyson lost to Buster Douglas, and a giant named Goliath lost to a shepherd boy with a sling. Makes you think, doesn't it?

**Text: 1 Samuel 17:1-11**

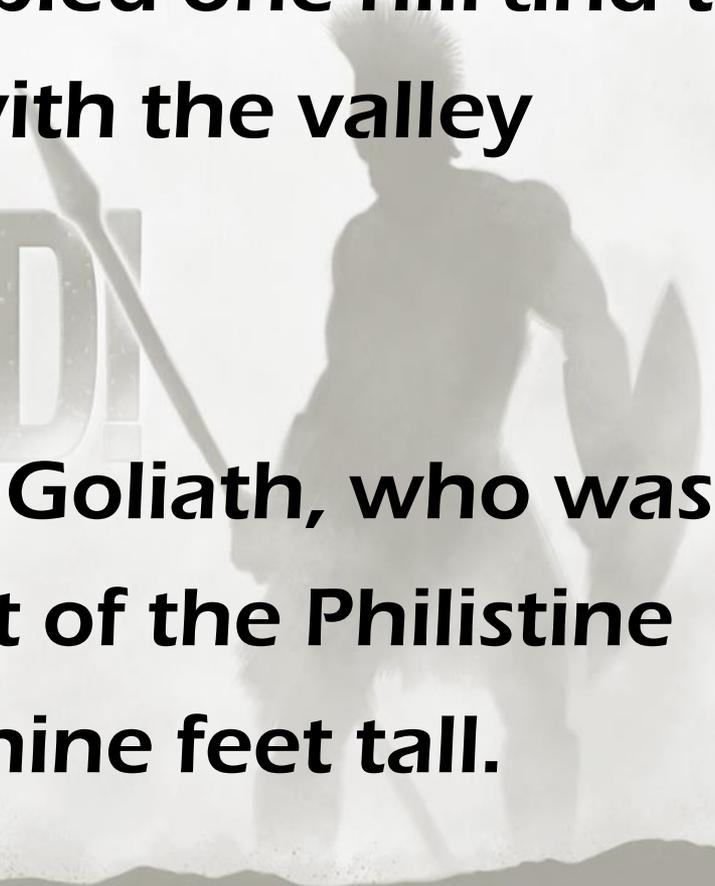
**Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Socoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Socoh and Azekah.**

**Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines.**

**The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.**

**A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall.**

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**He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back.**

**His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.**

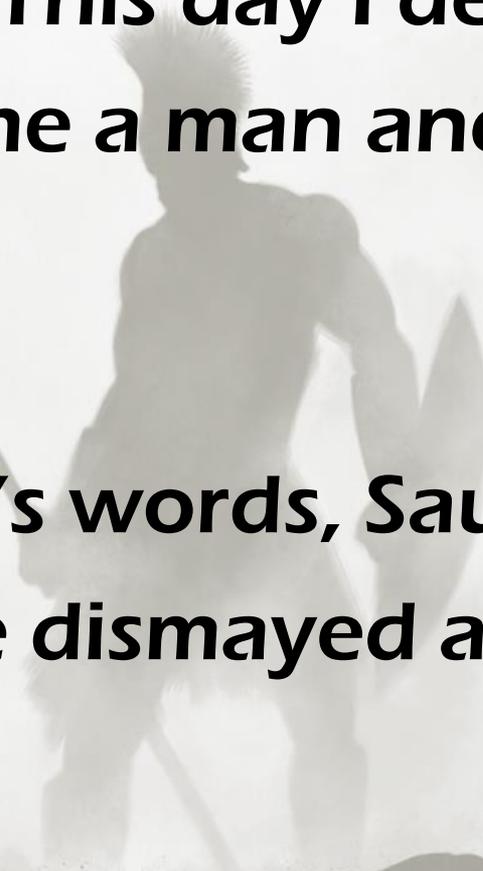
**Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me.**

**If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.”**

**Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.”**

**On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.**

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**“A man named Ananias came to see me.  
He was a devout observer of the law and  
highly respected by all the Jews living  
there.**

**He stood beside me and said, ‘Brother  
Saul, receive your sight!’ And at that very  
moment I was able to see him.**

1 Samuel 17:1-11

**Text: 1 Samuel 17:32-37**

**David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”**

**Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth.”**

**But 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, I 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.**

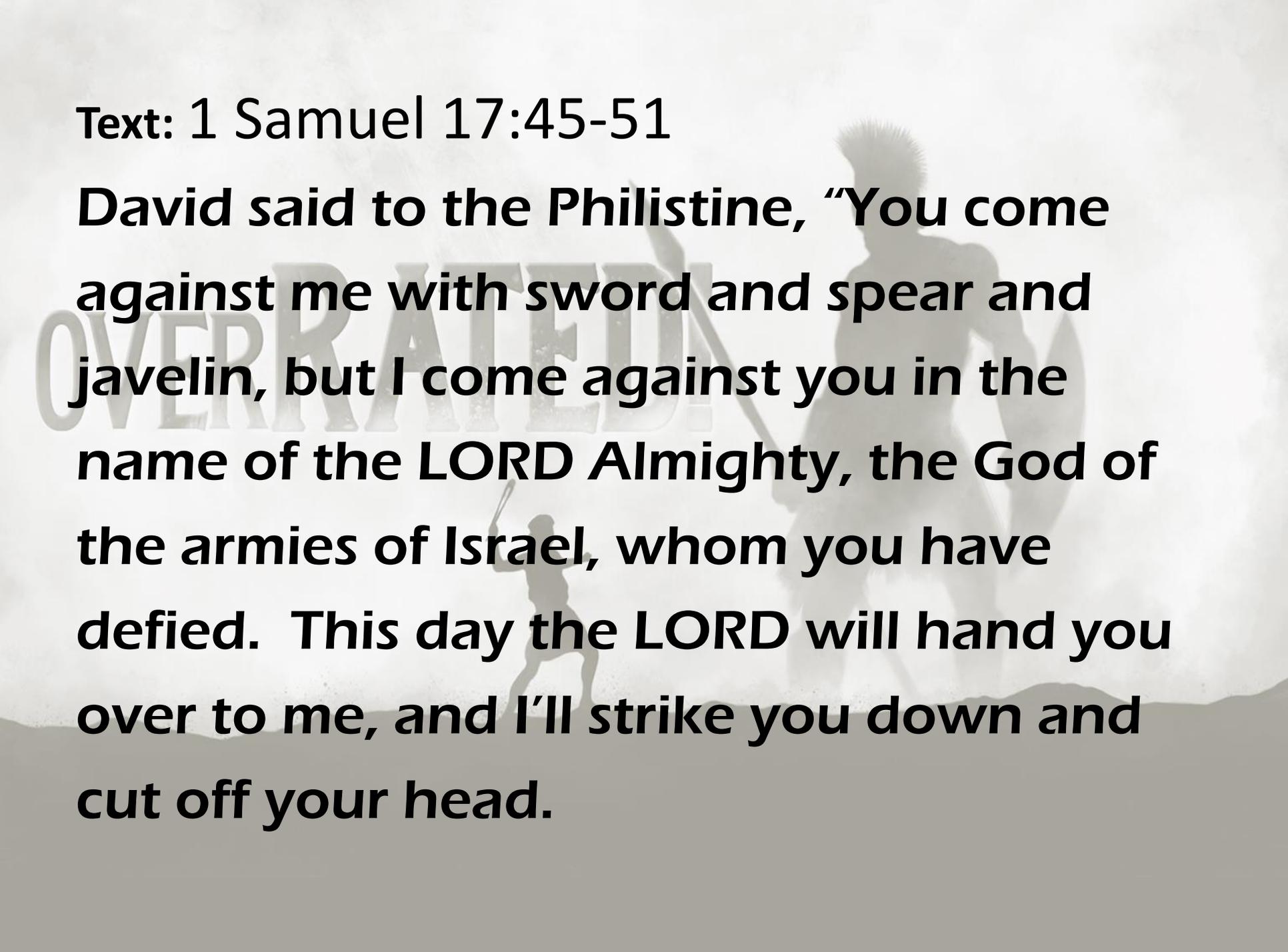
**Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.**

**The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”**

1 Samuel 17:32-37

**Text: 1 Samuel 17:45-51**

**David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head.**

The background of the slide features a light, hazy landscape with silhouettes of two figures. On the right, a larger silhouette of a warrior with a tall, spiky helmet and a spear. On the left, a smaller silhouette of a man, likely David, holding a stone. Overlaid on the scene is the word "OVERRATED!" in large, bold, semi-transparent capital letters.

**Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.**

**All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give all of you into our hands."**

**As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.**

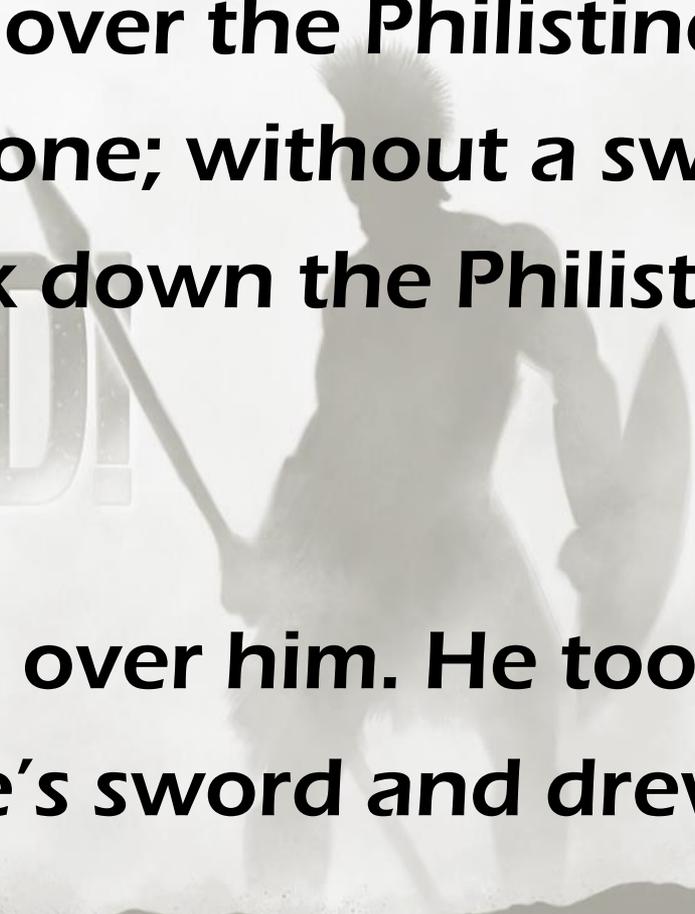
**Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead.**

**The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.**

**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.**

**David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard.**

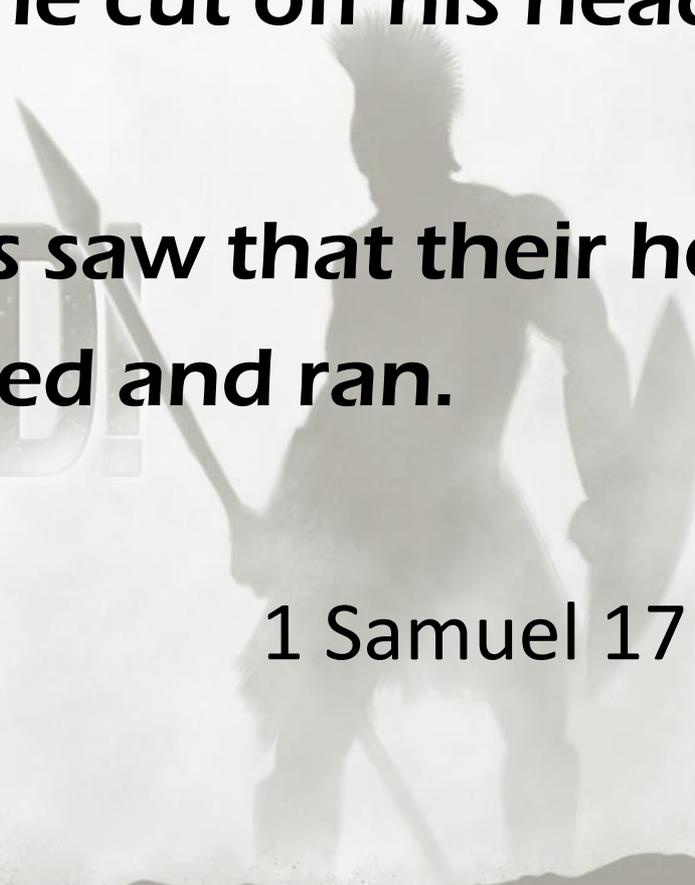
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**After he killed him, he cut off his head  
with the sword.**

**When the Philistines saw that their hero  
was dead, they turned and ran.**

1 Samuel 17:45-51



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David understood that:

Goliath wasn't the real enemy. He was just Satan's **FACE** and **VOICE**.

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God was **INVINCIBLE**.



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Satan often tries to create a  
Reality Distortion Field around us.  
Deception is his most effective weapon!

Faith allowed David to:

See the reality of Satan's

**VULNERABILITY** that lay beneath

the illusion of Goliath's

**INVINCIBILITY.**

Understand that the forehead of a giant is still  
just a forehead, and that even a giant is marked

with an **EXPIRATION** date!

Faith allowed David to:

Release the stone right on **TIME**, in spite of  
the **STRESS** that normally upsets  
**TIMING** by either speeding you up or  
slowing you down!



God had prepared David to defeat Satan's lies by:

Giving him the opportunity to defeat both a bear and a lion. This helped build David's

**CONFIDENCE** and **TRUST**.

Stirring a spirit of **WORSHIP** in his heart!

The Magnification Principle is that you will magnify what you **FOCUS** on.

When David **FOCUSED** on God, it caused him to magnify his big, strong **GOD**, and to see his **ENEMY** as small and weak.

When Saul's soldiers **FOCUSED** on Goliath, it caused them to magnify their big, strong **ENEMY**, and to see **GOD** as small and weak.

David proved that just one man who trusted his  
**HEART** could accomplish more than an entire  
army who trusted their **EYES**!

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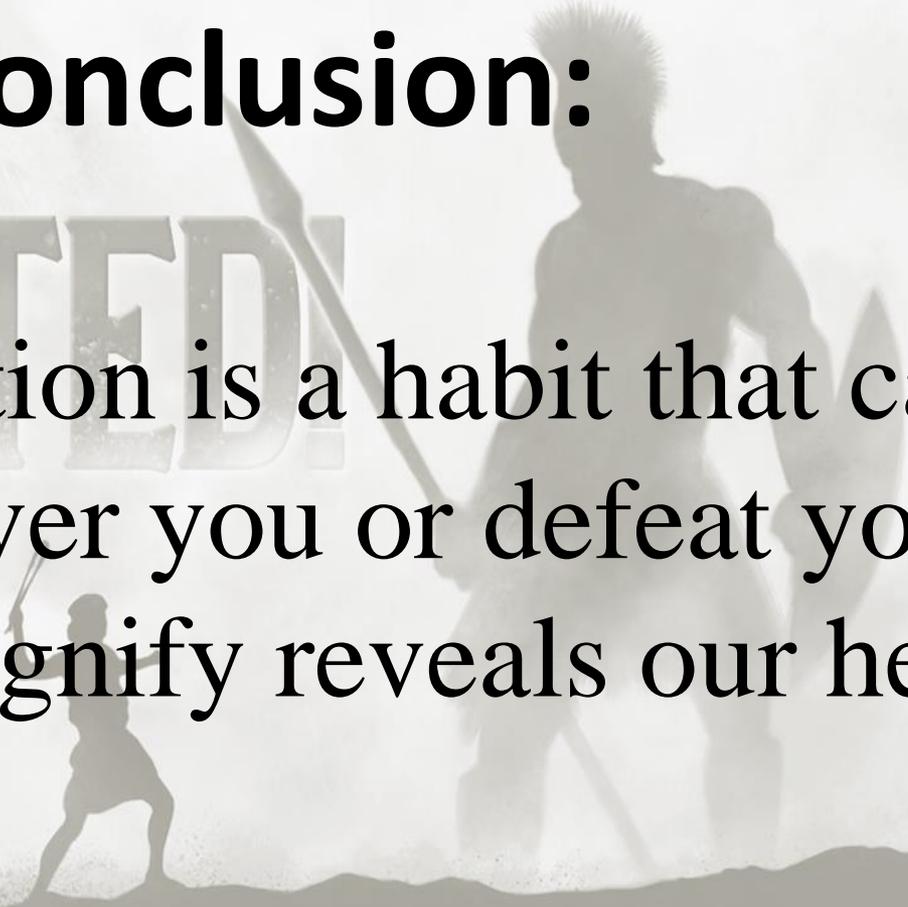


# Conclusion:

Magnification is a habit that can either deliver you or defeat you.

What we magnify reveals our heart!

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