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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Samuel 17:1-19

In *The Wizard of Oz*, everyone was intimidated by all the noisy bluster of the Wizard until little Toto pulled back the curtain and exposed him for what he was: a little old man yanking a bunch of levers.

All the Israelite army was shaking in their boots because of the Philistine champion Goliath. But then little David arrived at the battle scene with a picnic basket from home. He was shocked both by the arrogance of Goliath and the cowardice of God's people. David asked, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (v. 26b). Just like that, David pulled back the curtain and exposed Goliath as a godless big-mouth daring to shake his fist in the face of the Lord Almighty.

It's true: "[T]he devil prowls around like a roaring lion" (1 Pet. 5:8b). But never forget that our enemy was defanged at Calvary. He may make a lot of noise, but he has no ultimate power over us. So stand firm in your faith until he flees from you.