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RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Samuel 17:1-19

Don't try to fight giants using their own weapons. They'll win every time.

Goliath was shocked, even offended, when David approached armed with nothing but his shepherd's staff, a sling and some stones. It looked like the greatest mismatch in history. David knew he had no chance against the giant in a sword fight. So he went into the conflict with the weapon of his faith in God.

We face mighty opponents to our Christian faith today, giants with names like Postmodernism, Secularism, and Atheism. Often we are tempted to fight with the same weapons of hostility and hatred that our enemies use against us. But the apostle Paul reminds us that "[t]he weapons we fight with are not the weapons of this world" (2 Cor. 10:4a). Weapons like prayer, love, respect. We may appear totally defenseless, but when we use that spiritual artillery the Lord joins the battle with us. There is no need to fear. He has never faced a giant he couldn't handle.