

Clarity

The Right Focus

1 Samuel 17

Throughout the Scriptures, God invites people to open their eyes. When Elisha's men fear they are surrounded, the prophet prays, "Open their eyes," and God dispels their anxieties with the truth of his presence. To the exhausted, frustrated Job, God exhorts, "Look around! See who's in charge here." Job rediscovers a mighty God who creates and sustains. When two blind men on the road beg for mercy, Jesus offers both physical and spiritual sight.

When we are exhausted, God offers a simple cure: open your eyes. Gaze upon my beauty. See my power. Look to me for all you need. Jesus takes the dust of our lives, infuses it with his healing presence, and presses it to our eyes, saying, "Do you see anything?" We find balm for our exhaustion as we open our eyes to his goodness.

(Clarissa Moll, *A Word of Hope for the Exhausted*)

The Champion From Gath

Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God? (1 Samuel 17:26)

The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine. (1 Samuel 17:37)

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." (1 Samuel 17:45)

Opening Our Eyes To Jesus' Truth

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The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (Colossians 1:15-17)

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And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)