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He Empowers Giant Killers

Appeal: 1 Samuel 17:37

“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.” Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

We worship God with our resources because no one like Him empowers us to face life’s challenges. Saul and his army went out to fight the Philistines. The Philistines had crossed over the border of Israel. With Goliath on the battlefield, the soldiers in Saul’s army faced the prospect of fighting a giant. This challenge was extraordinary. After the first day, the first week, the first month, Goliath was persistently harassing and frightening the Israelites. But David, the little lad from Bethlehem, knew that the Lord could provide rescue against internal, unusual and persistent challenges. Empowered by God, he would be known throughout history as the giant’s killer.

Just like David, a young boy overcame his life’s challenges. He grew up with the dream of becoming a preacher but had to struggle with an acute form of stammering. This handicap was inborn, and the application of several remedial strategies was of no value. The issue dragged over many years. The challenge was internal, beyond ordinary, and persistent. However, empowered by God, he was healed of his broken voice and could live his life’s dream.

We all know the popular formula for a happy life: Parents send kids to school, kids study hard and pass their exams, embrace a well-paid career, get married, and live a long and peaceful life. Unfortunately, real life often fails to match this ideal. Unexpected troubles become lifelong companions. Nevertheless, in God, we can count our victories, those that were the most unlikely according to human criteria. Are they not sufficient reasons to worship God with our best resources? This week, as we worship with our tithe and regular offerings let us recall the numerous interventions of God.

Prayer: Lord, we are thankful for the many rescue operations that you have performed in our lives. Your effectiveness leaves us without a voice. In response, we dedicate ourselves and our best to you.