

A ROCK IN GOD'S HAND

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Declarations of Power for 365 Days of the Year

"Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:40)

The appearance of this young man was similar to many modern youth of today: no hassle, no fears and fond of extreme sports. Of course, this young man practiced cannot be compare in any way with ours. He had measured his strength fighting with a bear that he overcame. He chased after a lion that wanted to take one of his sheep and killed it. The adventure he had to face now is with a giant nine- feet tall, who also was heavily arming. Some asked if indeed he would do that. His answered was, "yes,"

choose his own weapons. He took a walk alongside the river and looked at the stones that were there. Some of the army man came to look around to see what was he was doing, but he did not hurry. He took a stone in his hand, examined it in a very careful way. He touched them to see how soft they were, some were in good shape but were very rough. When he found the correct one, he thought, *"Soon they will know You. You will conquer the most feared giant of this nation. God had prepared you throughout the years, it was no easy task, but the force of the water hitting you over and over again had shaped you. You thought you were a failure. You did not realize that God was preparing you for such a time as this."*

Look, there is no harshness in you. From today on you will be part of my team. Do not get too excited, I have to find other four stones very similar to you. When he found five of the best weapons, represented by simple stones, he went before the king, who asked him, *"Where is your armor of war."* The young man raised his small bag where he kept his new friends and said, *"Here they are."* The king thought, It is so hard to understand the youth of these days. *"Go young man, and may God help you!"* When David faced the giant he firmly declared what was going to take place in the next few minutes. He rehearsed how he would undergo his greatest defeat that would affect the entire nation. Each of the words he decreed came to passed.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Jesus is like the David. He sees our failures and perhaps you have said, I do not understand why every time I get up, I fall and hurt myself again. Jesus comes to give strength and hope today. He tells you that through the circumstances you have

gone through, your character has been shaped, he has taken away the harshness in you. He is still working in you because He has chosen you to defeat the giant that has tried to oppress many lives with fear.

PRAYER

Father thank You for the revelation of Your Word. Only five stones were enough to bring down the most fearsome giant of that time. Jesus, only three words You used to defeat the enemy "it is written." Lord, I need You to give me a key verse, a Rhema word in order to bring down any giant in my life with Your holy Word. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

DECLARATION

"He sought me, found me, trained me and called me. He makes me more than a conqueror."