



**CLOSER**




# **Ephesians**

## **6:10-12**

### **NLT**

<sup>10</sup> A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.



The enemy tried to use the Israelite soldiers to get David to focus on the wrong things.

CLOSER



**1 Samuel**  
**17:23-26**  
**NLT**

<sup>23</sup> As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel.



**1 Samuel**  
**17:23-26**  
**NLT**

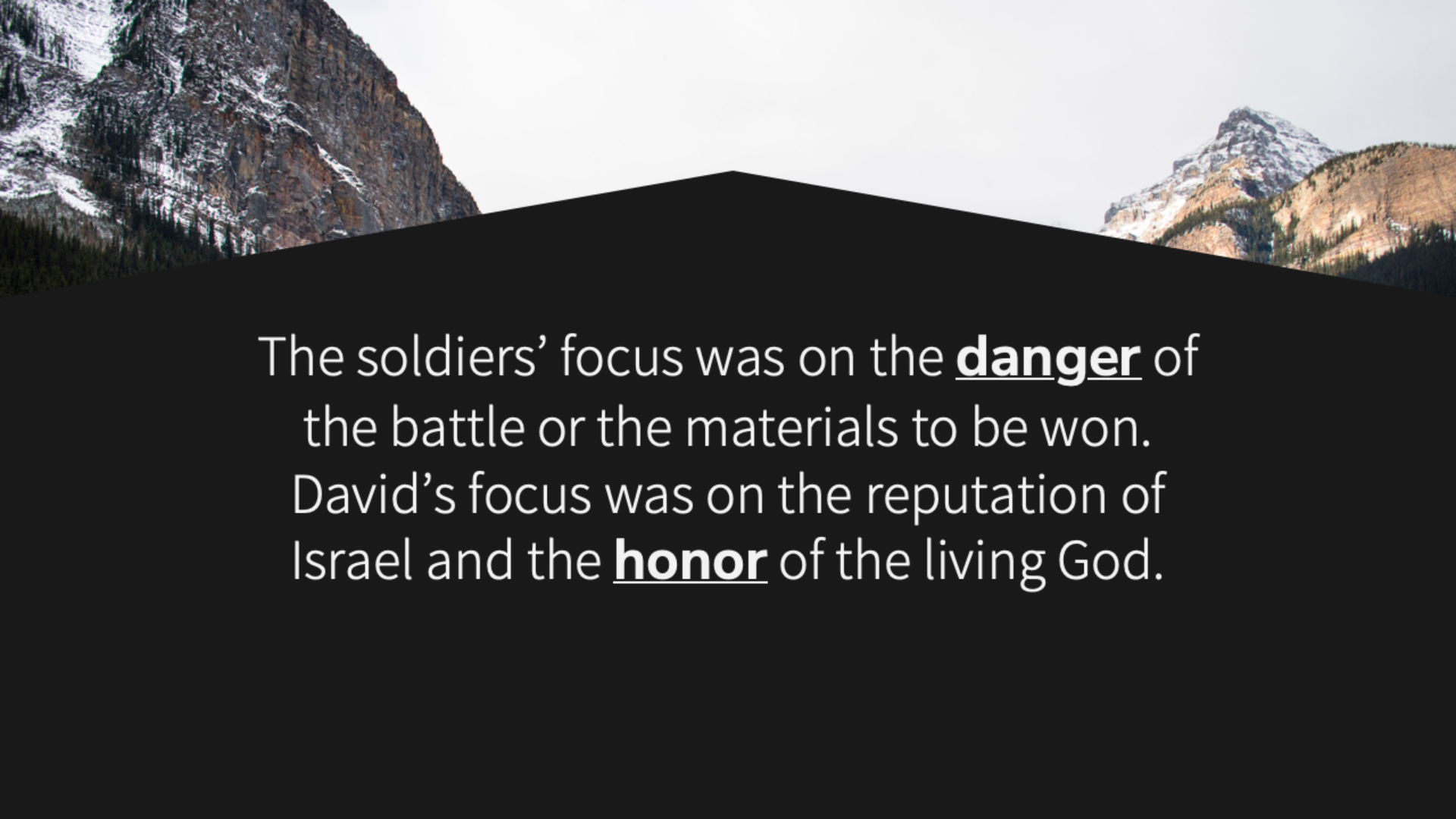
<sup>24</sup> As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. <sup>25</sup> “Have you seen the giant?” the men asked. “He comes out each day to defy Israel. The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man’s entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!”

CLOSER



**1 Samuel**  
**17:23-26**  
**NLT**

<sup>26</sup> David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?”



The soldiers' focus was on the **danger** of the battle or the materials to be won. David's focus was on the reputation of Israel and the **honor** of the living God.

The enemy tried to use  
David's brother to get David  
to focus on offense.







**1 Samuel**  
**17:28-31**  
**NLT**

<sup>28</sup> But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "What are you doing around here anyway?" he demanded. "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!"



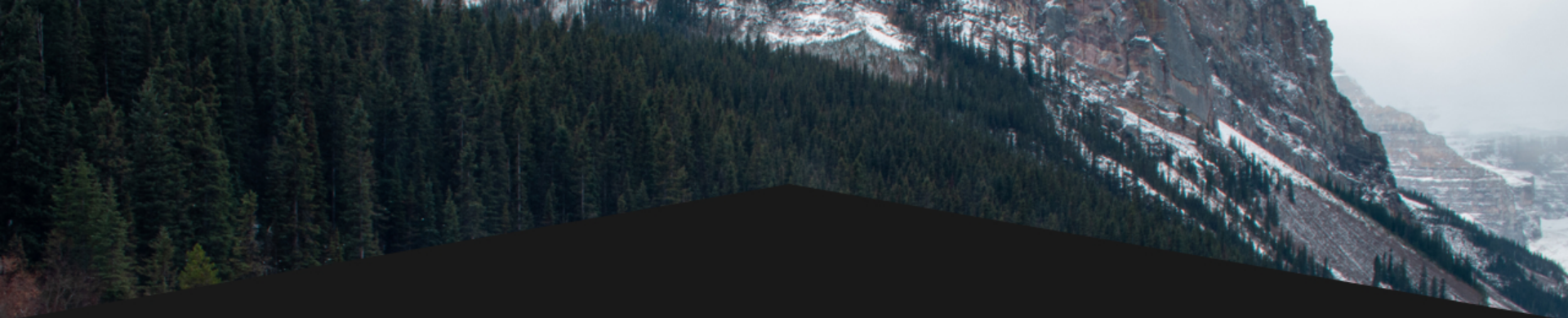
**1 Samuel**  
**17:28-31**  
**NLT**

<sup>29</sup> “What have I done now?” David replied. “I was only asking a question!” <sup>30</sup> He walked over to some others and asked them the same thing and received the same answer. <sup>31</sup> Then David’s question was reported to King Saul, and the king sent for him.

## CLOSER

David was misunderstood and publicly rebuked by his own brother. There is no doubt that what his brother Eliab said **hurt** him, but he would not let it **hinder** him.






The enemy tried to use King Saul to get  
David to trust in the wrong armor.



**1 Samuel**  
**17:38-39**  
**NLT**

<sup>38</sup> Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before.

“I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So David took them off again.



David had to renounce King  
Saul's armor and trust in the  
Lord and His armor instead.



**Ephesians**  
**6:13-17**  
**NLT**

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's



**Ephesians**  
**6:13-17**  
**NLT**

righteousness. <sup>15</sup> For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. <sup>17</sup> Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



## CLOSER

The enemy tried to use Goliath to get David to put his faith in the wrong things.





**1 Samuel**  
**17:41-47**  
**NLT**

<sup>41</sup> Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him,<sup>42</sup> sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. <sup>43</sup> “Am I a dog,” he roared at David, “that you come at me with a stick?” And he cursed David by the names of his gods. <sup>44</sup> “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled.

CLOSER



**1 Samuel**  
**17:41-47**  
**NLT**

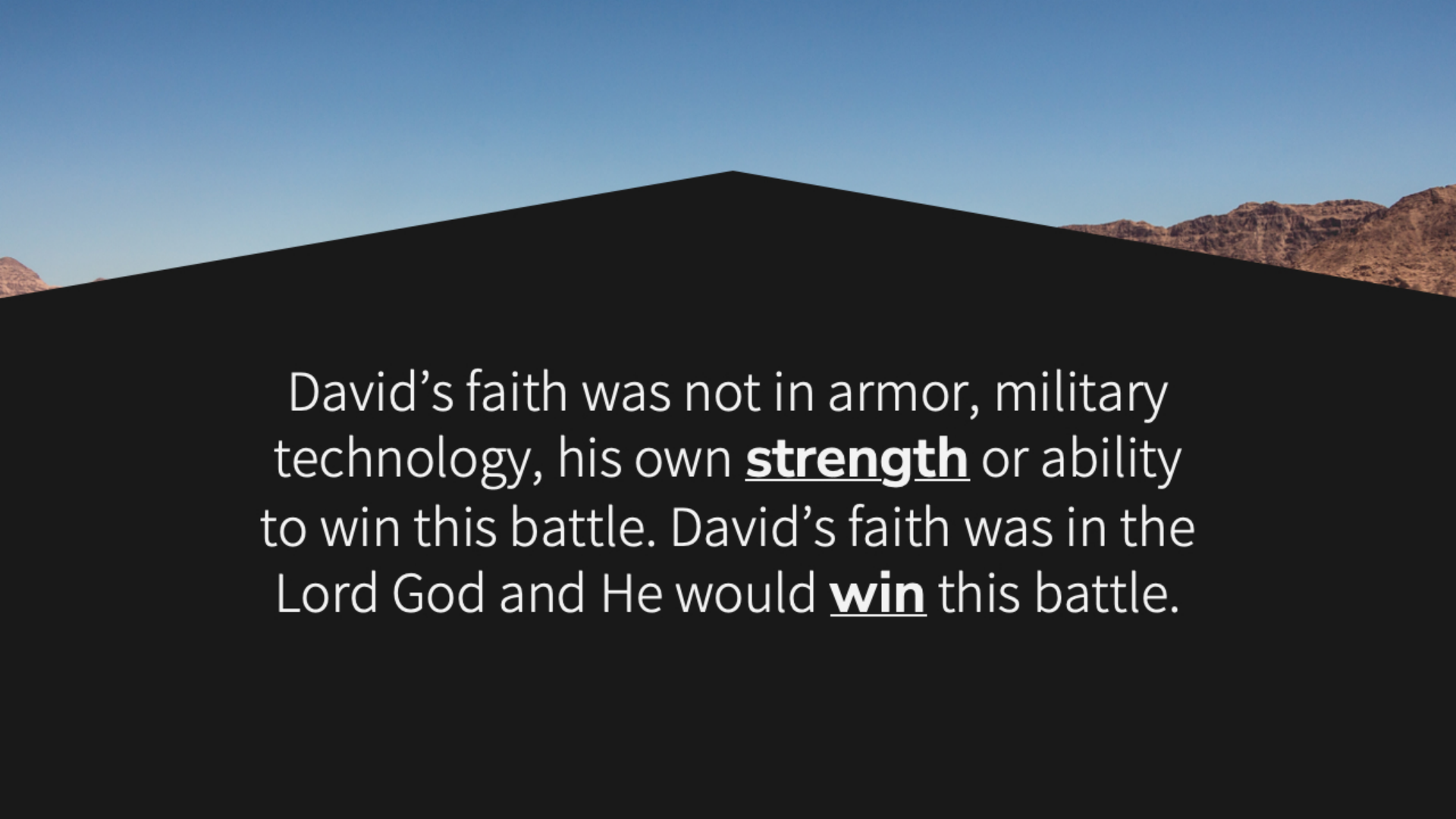
<sup>45</sup> David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> Today the Lord will conquer you,

CLOSER



**1 Samuel**  
**17:41-47**  
**NLT**

and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! <sup>47</sup> And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord's battle, and he will give you to us!"



David's faith was not in armor, military technology, his own **strength** or ability to win this battle. David's faith was in the Lord God and He would **win** this battle.