

A scenic view of a mountain valley, likely Yosemite, with a large circular graphic overlay. The text "EYES OF A TRUSTING HEART" is centered in the image.

EYES OF A TRUSTING HEART

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Intro

- ✓ Seeing as God sees | Matthew 14 | 5000
- ✓ God | Ordinary for extraordinary
- ✓ Problem or Plan | **'POTENTIAL'**
 - Latent [HIDDEN] qualities or abilities that may be developed and lead to future success or usefulness.
- ✓ **HOPE** | a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen.
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- ✓ **‘Can you see it?’ | Matthew 19:26** But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”
- ✓ We need Him; [Ephesians 3:20]
- ✓ Relationship | Agency | Partnership;
- ✓ Surrender [humility][Proverbs 3:5-6];
- ✓ Obedience;
- ✓ Faith and hope



Eyes of a Trusting Heart

2. HOLD THE HOPE:

What is this hope?

HOPE | a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen; a feeling of trust..**

Godly or not

Primal Hope

2. HOLD THE HOPE:

Greek - *el-pece'* | From ἔλπω *elpō* which is a primary word (to *anticipate*, usually with pleasure); ***expectation*** (abstract or concrete) or ***confidence***: - faith, hope.

Hebrew – [couple] *tiqvâh tik-vaw'* | literally a cord (as an *attachment*); figuratively *expectancy*: - expectation ([-ted]), hope, live, thing that I long for.

HOPE is like a lifeline..

2. HOLD THE HOPE:

Definitions

beṭach *beh'-takh* | properly a place of refuge; abstractly safety, both the fact (*security*) and the feeling (trust); often (adverbially with or without preposition) *safely*: - assurance, boldly, (without) care (-less), confidence, hope, safe (-ly, -ty), secure, surely.

bâṭach *baw-takh'*

A primitive root; properly to *hie* for refuge (but not so *precipitately* as H2620); figuratively to trust, be confident or sure: - be bold (confident, secure, sure), careless (one, woman), put confidence, (make to) hope, (put, make to) trust.

OUR HOPE IS IN GOD

“we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe” **(1 Tim 4:10)** because “Jesus Christ [is] our hope” **(1 Tim 1:1).**

3. THE T'S OF TRUST:

TRUST | **firm belief in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone or something... YOU cannot trust someone you do not know..**

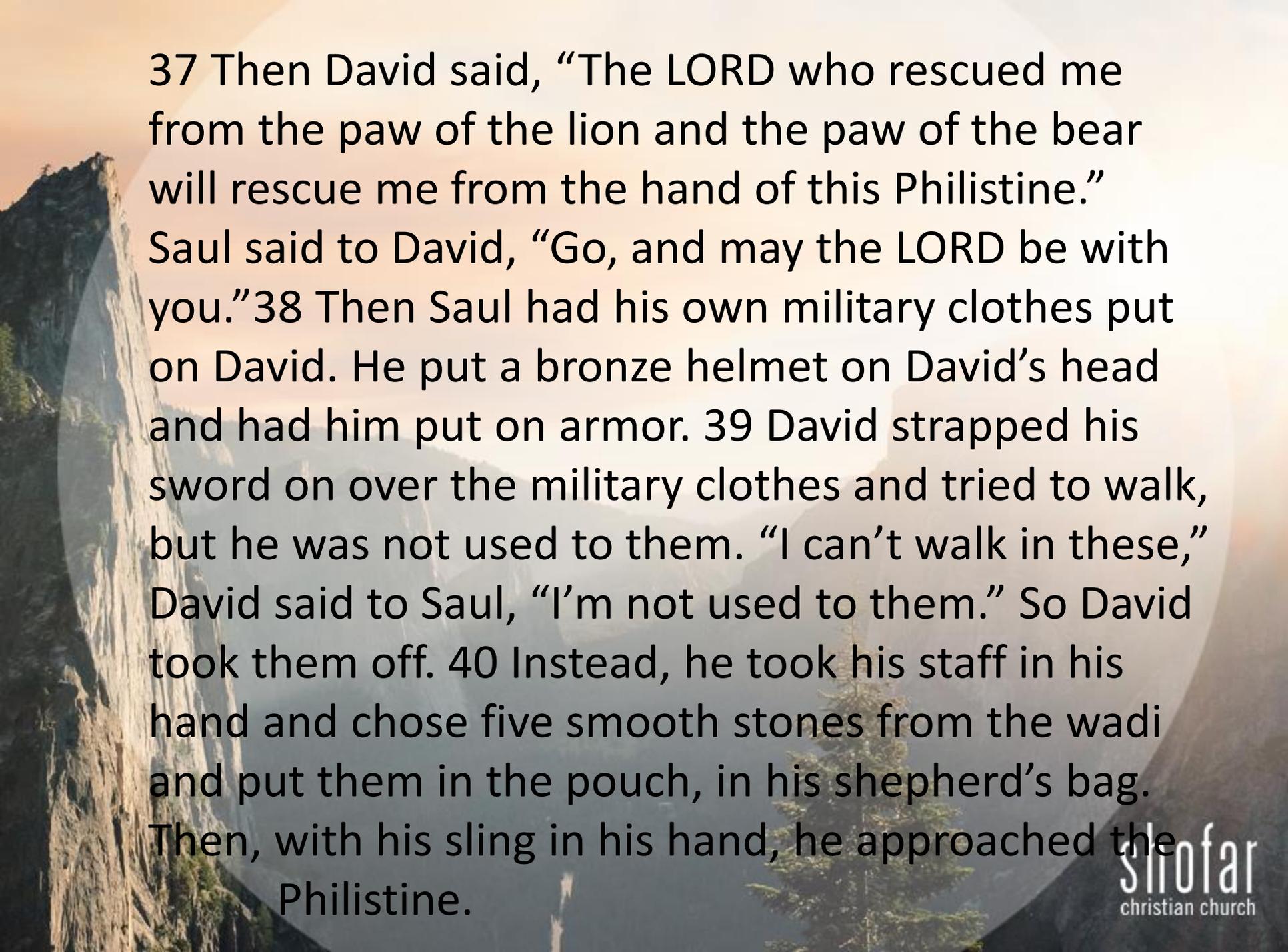
3.1 Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 17

- ✓ Israel fighting the Philistines
- ✓ David tending sheep
- ✓ God's people defied by enemy

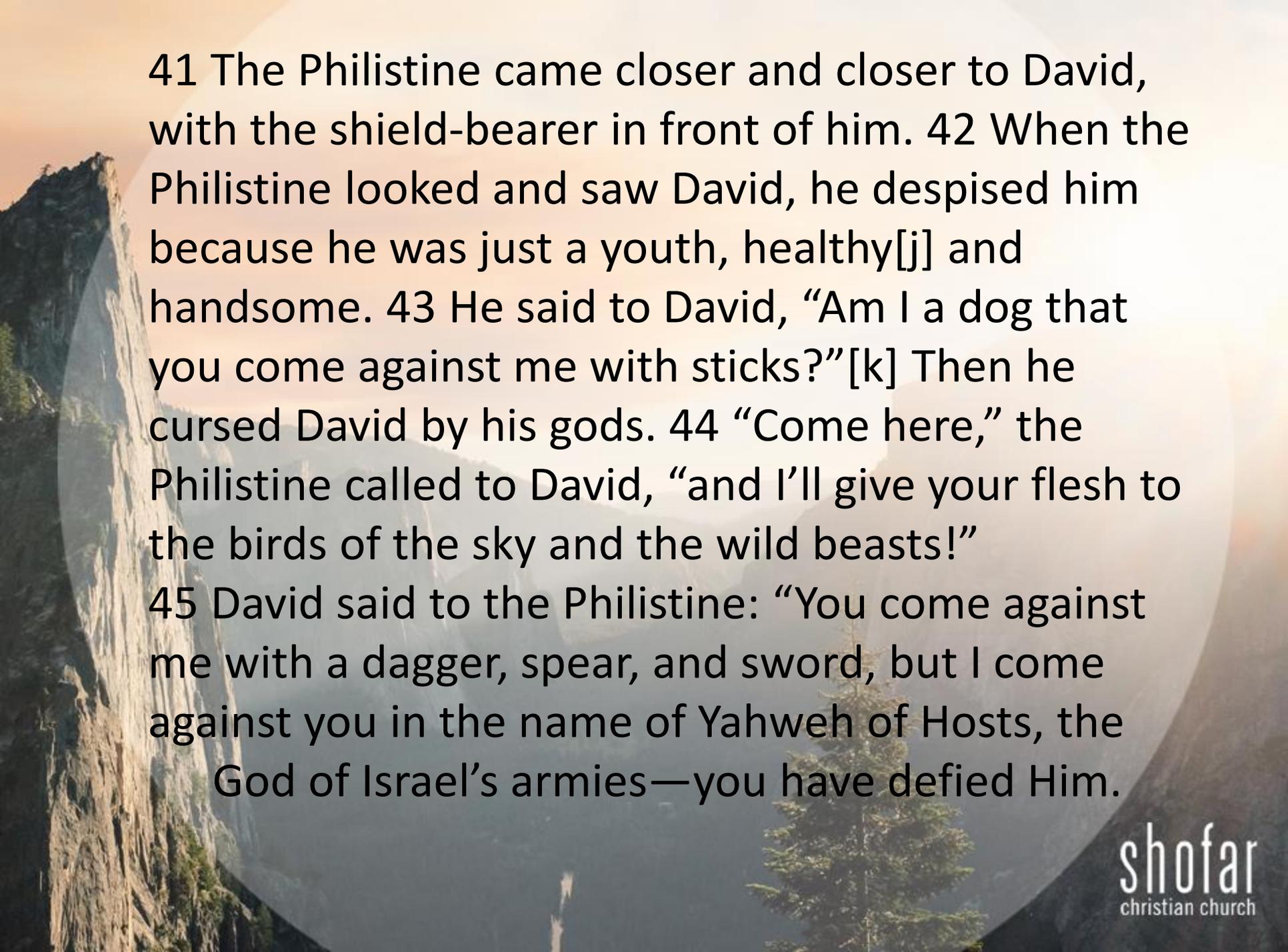
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28 David's oldest brother Eliab listened as he spoke to the men, and became angry with him. "Why did you come down here?" he asked. "Who did you leave those few sheep with in the wilderness? I know your arrogance and your evil heart—you came down to see the battle!" 29 "What have I done now?" protested David. "It was just a question." 30 Then he turned from those beside him to others in front of him and asked about the offer. The people gave him the same answer as before. 31 What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, so he had David brought to him.

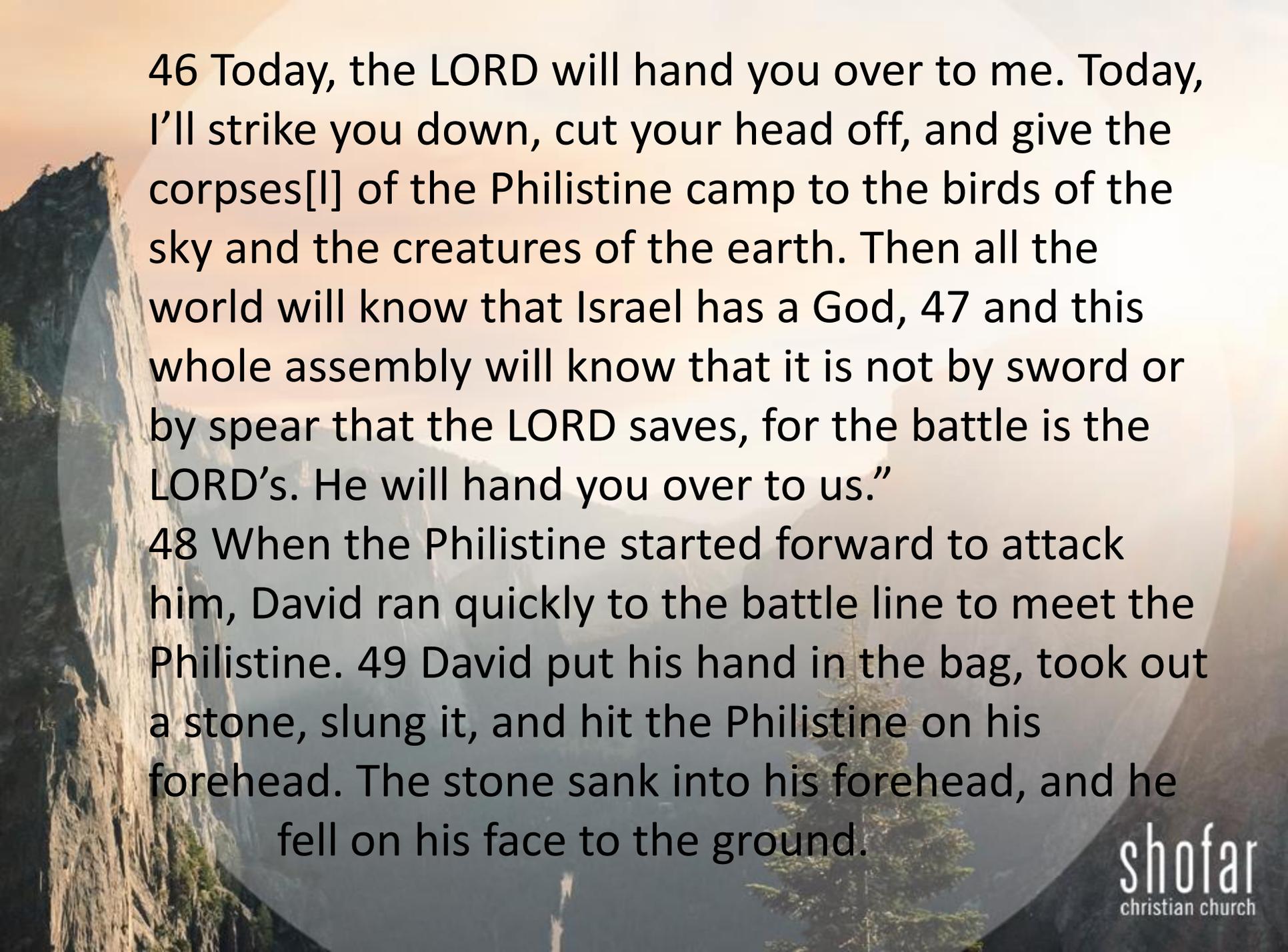
32 David said to Saul, “Don’t let anyone be discouraged by[h] him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine!” 33 But Saul replied, “You can’t go fight this Philistine. You’re just a youth, and he’s been a warrior since he was young.” 34 David answered Saul: “Your servant has been tending his father’s sheep. Whenever a lion or a bear came and carried off a lamb from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it down, and rescued the lamb from its mouth. If it reared up against me, I would grab it by its fur,[i] strike it down, and kill it. 36 Your servant has killed lions and bears; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.”



37 Then David said, “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 may the LORD be with you.” 38 Then Saul had his own military clothes put on David. He put a bronze helmet on David’s head and had him put on armor. 39 David strapped his sword on over the military clothes and tried to walk, but he was not used to them. “I can’t walk in these,” David said to Saul, “I’m not used to them.” So David took them off. 40 Instead, he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the wadi and put them in the pouch, in his shepherd’s bag. Then, with his sling in his hand, he approached the Philistine.

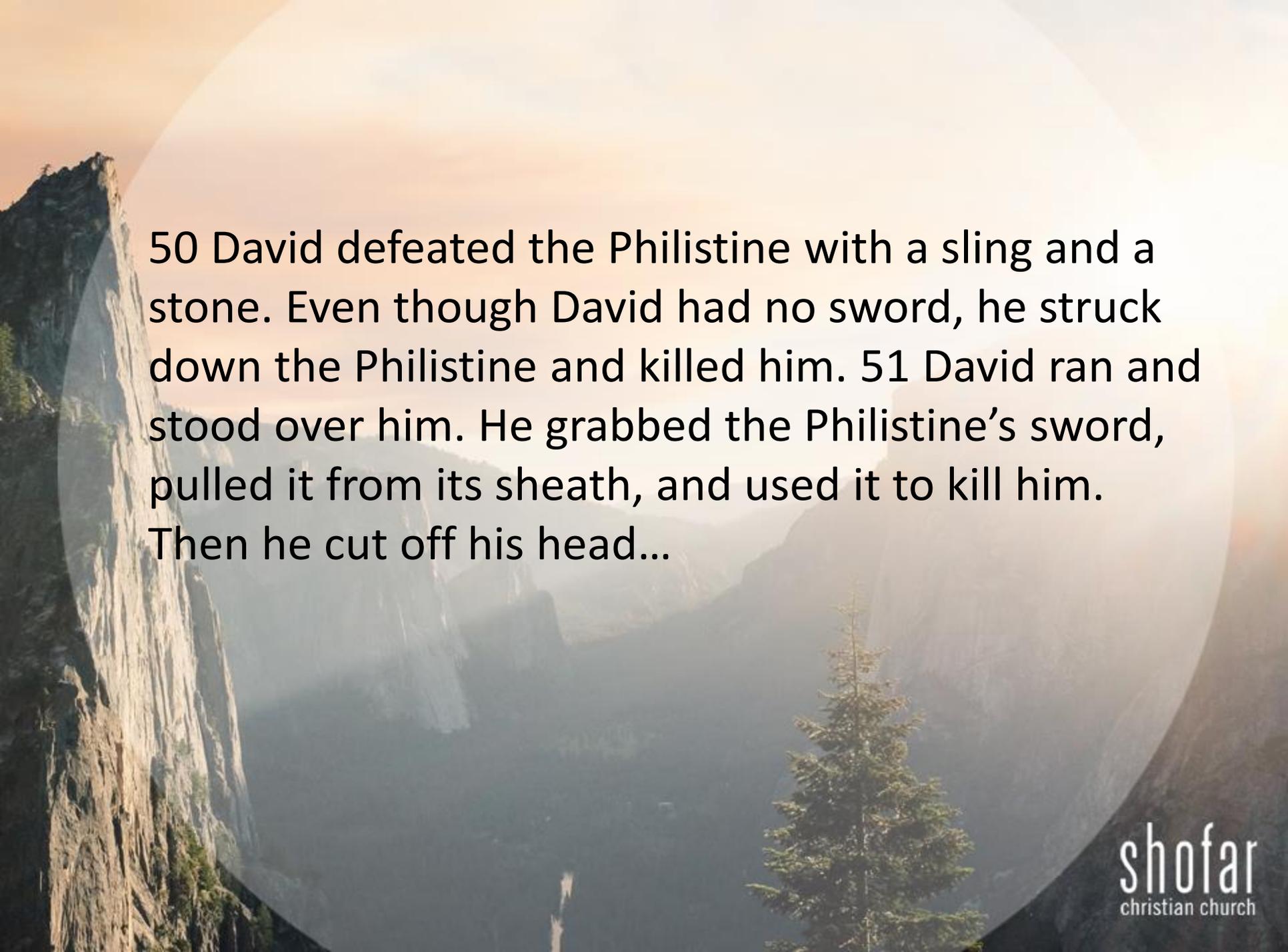


41 The Philistine came closer and closer to David, with the shield-bearer in front of him. 42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him because he was just a youth, healthy[j] and handsome. 43 He said to David, “Am I a dog that you come against me with sticks?”[k] Then he cursed David by his gods. 44 “Come here,” the Philistine called to David, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts!” 45 David said to the Philistine: “You come against me with a dagger, spear, and sword, but I come against you in the name of Yahweh of Hosts, the God of Israel’s armies—you have defied Him.



46 Today, the LORD will hand you over to me. Today, I'll strike you down, cut your head off, and give the corpses[1] of the Philistine camp to the birds of the sky and the creatures of the earth. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God, 47 and this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the LORD saves, for the battle is the LORD's. He will hand you over to us."

48 When the Philistine started forward to attack him, David ran quickly to the battle line to meet the Philistine. 49 David put his hand in the bag, took out a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

A scenic view of a mountain valley, likely Yosemite, with a large circular overlay. The background shows a deep valley with a river, surrounded by steep, rocky mountains. A large, semi-transparent circular shape is overlaid on the scene, framing the text. The lighting is soft, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

50 David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone. Even though David had no sword, he struck down the Philistine and killed him. 51 David ran and stood over him. He grabbed the Philistine's sword, pulled it from its sheath, and used it to kill him. Then he cut off his head...

3.2 TRUST | His testimony

Numbers 23:19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Trustworthy in the lives of others |

In 1 Kings 8:56 we read, “Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.”

3.3 TRUST | Your times, tests and testimonies

DAVID | What do we learn?

Trust is formed over time

Test and testimonies

- ✓ Walk in faith | Grow in trust
- ✓ Progression in the faith and trust

Romans 12:3 For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one.]

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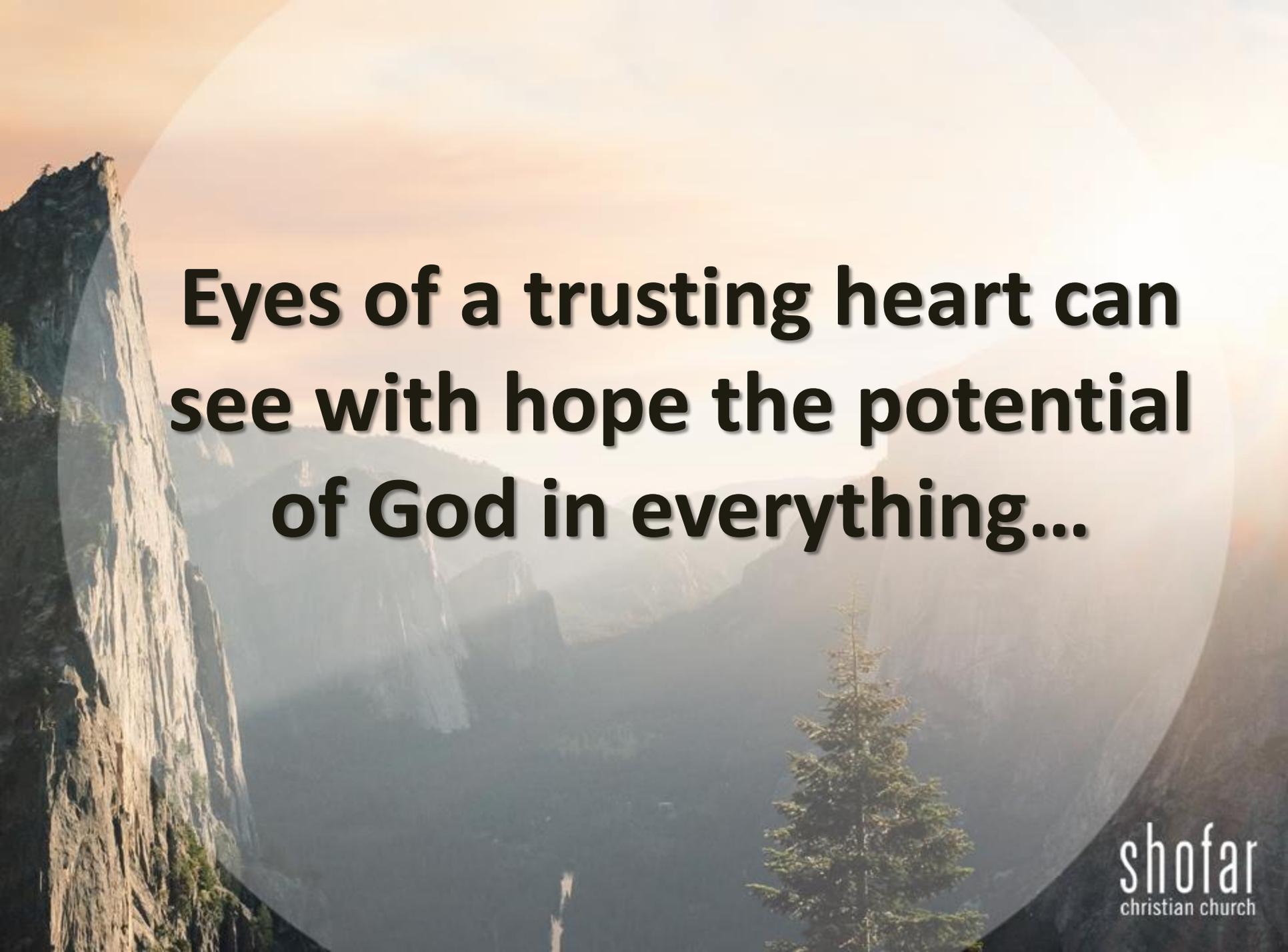
What testimonies are hanging against your wall?

3.4 TRUST | Your God given tools

David:

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Sling and a stone

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**Eyes of a trusting heart can
see with hope the potential
of God in everything...**



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PRAYER