

Five Smooth Stones (Part 1)

Defeating Giants

1 Samuel 17:40



22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, **a man after my own heart;** he will do everything I want him to do.'

Acts 13:22 (NIV)

Bronze replica of King David by Michelangelo in Jerusalem



David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

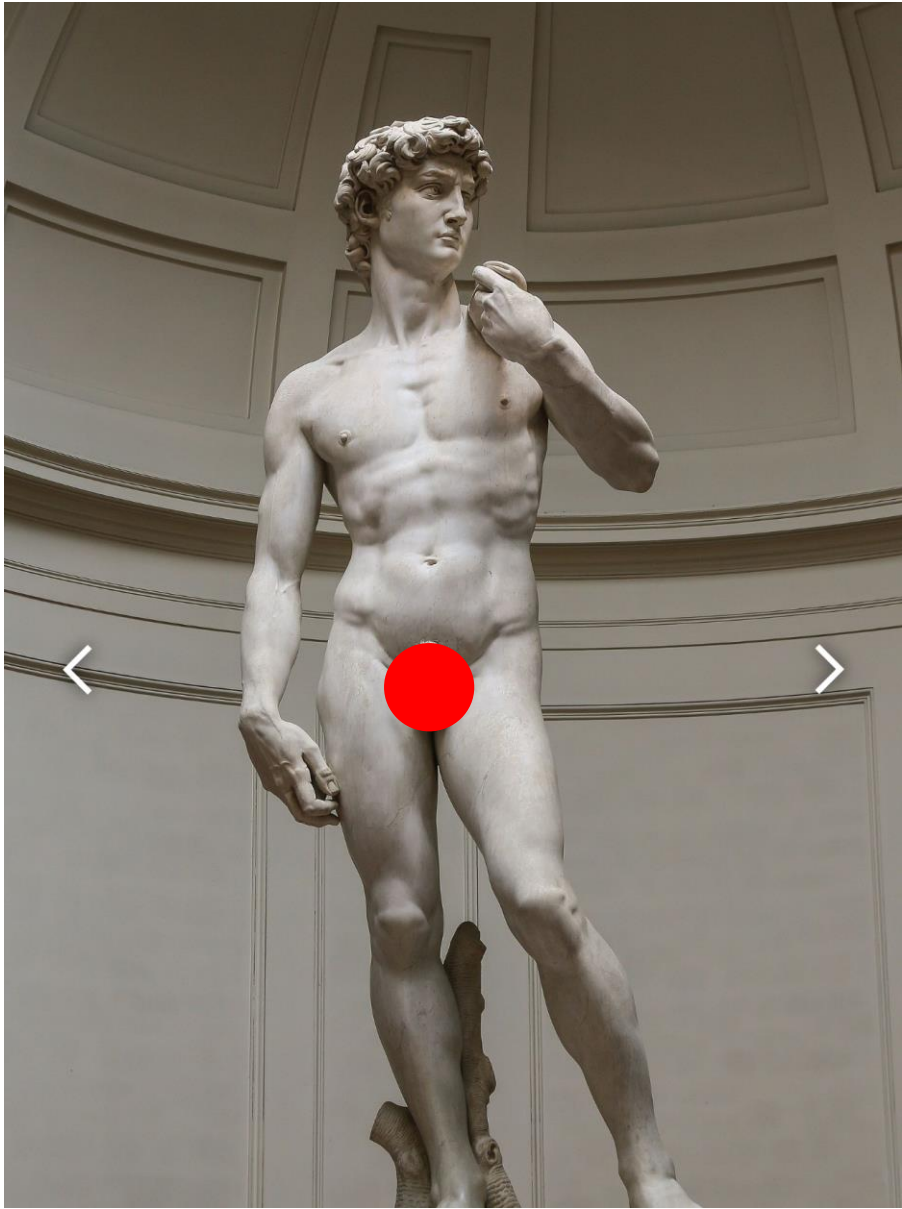
Facing a Giant in
the Valley of Elah





1 Samuel 17:4–7 (NIV84)

A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels [125 lb/57kg]; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels [15 lb/7 kg]. His shield bearer went ahead of him.



Facing Giants



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- Faith in God
- Obedience
- Courage
- Preparation
- Trust in God's Plan



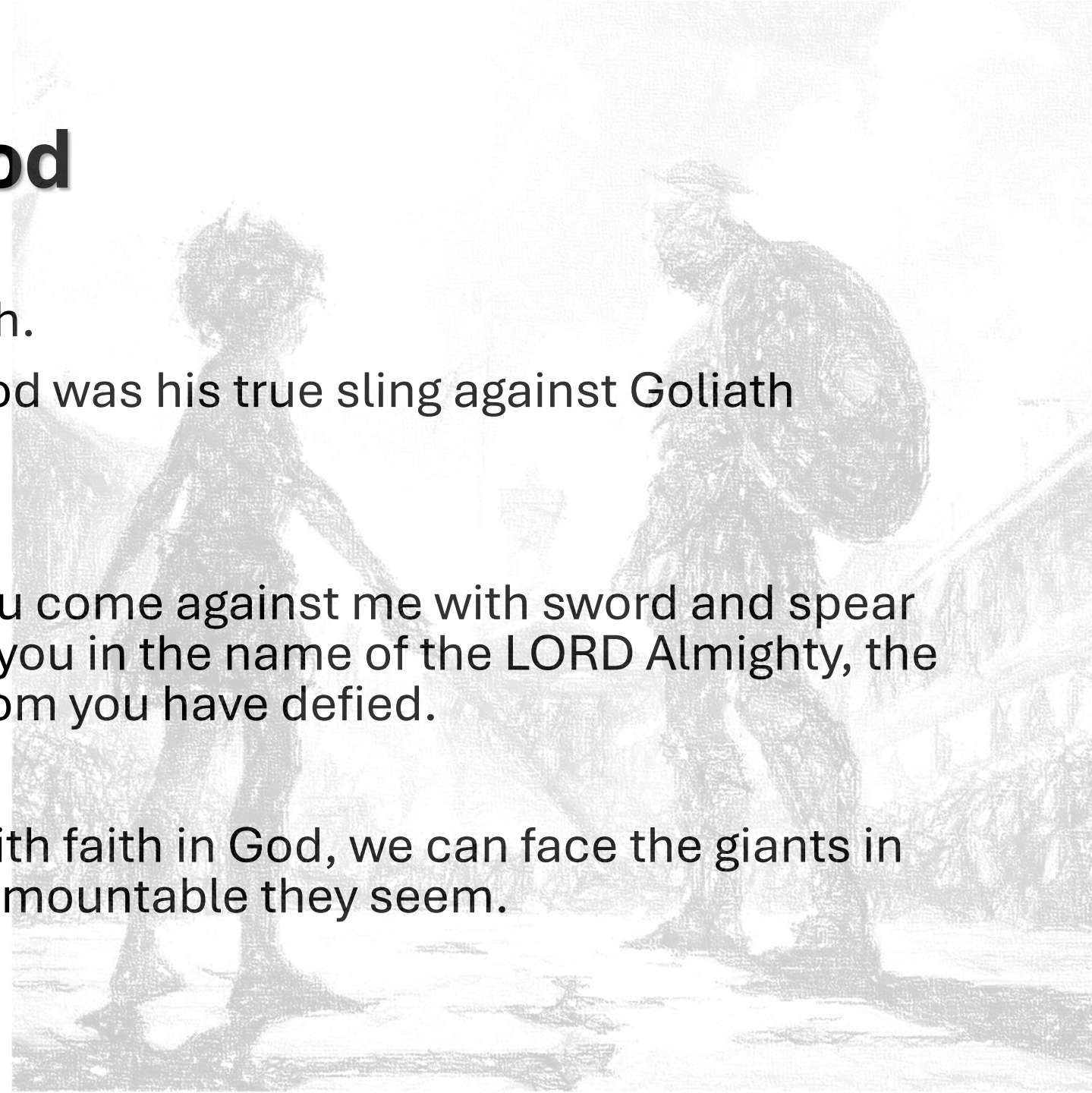
Stone 1: Faith in God

- The first stone represents faith.
- David's unwavering faith in God was his true sling against Goliath

1 Samuel 17:45 (NIV)

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.

- This stone reminds us that, with faith in God, we can face the giants in our lives, no matter how insurmountable they seem.



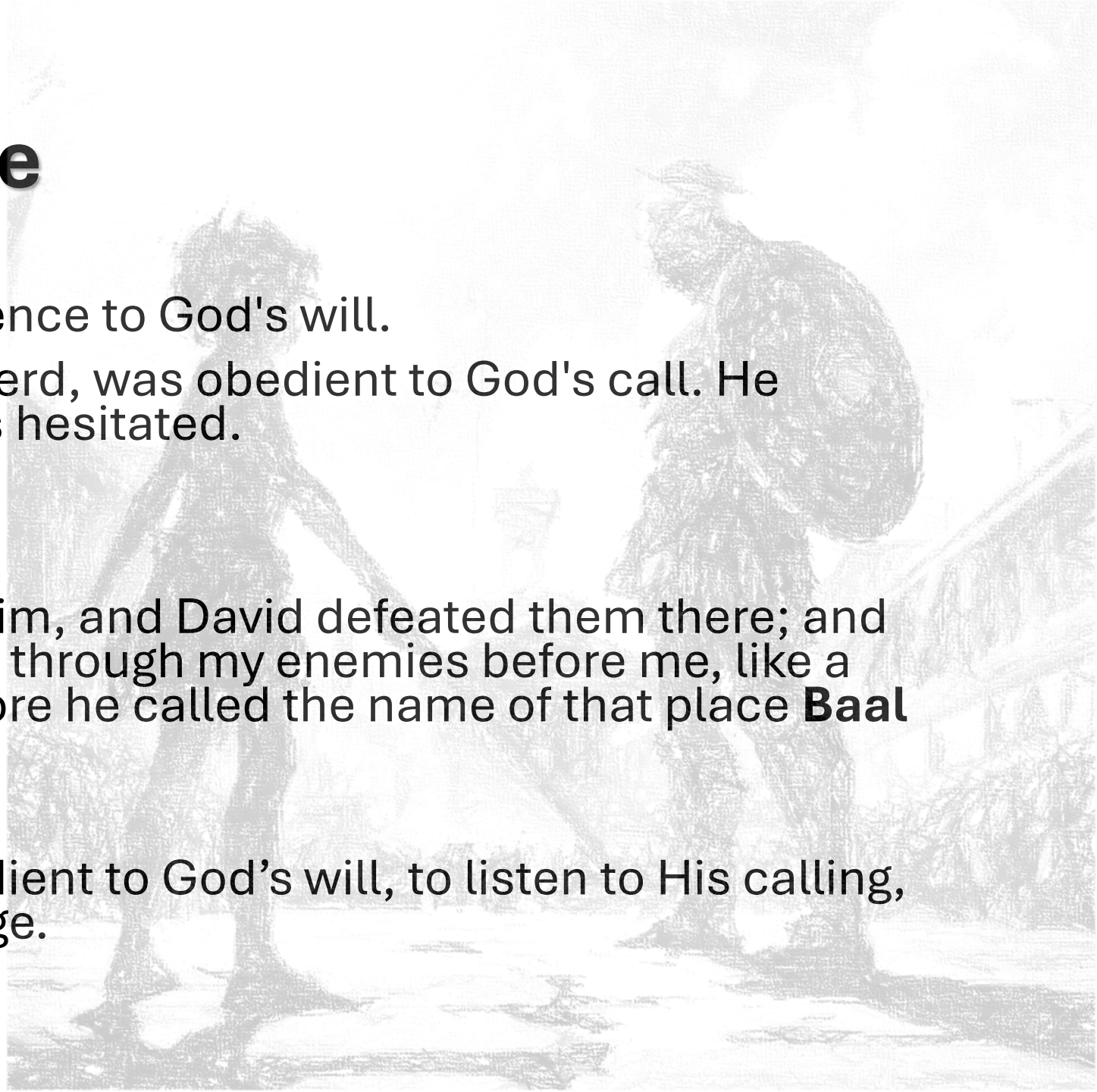
Stone 2: Obedience

- This stone symbolises obedience to God's will.
- David, though a young shepherd, was obedient to God's call. He stepped forward when others hesitated.

2 Samuel 5:20 (NKJV)

20 So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, “The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water.” Therefore he called the name of that place **Baal Perazim**.

- This stone calls us to be obedient to God’s will, to listen to His calling, and to act upon it with courage.



Stone 3: Courage

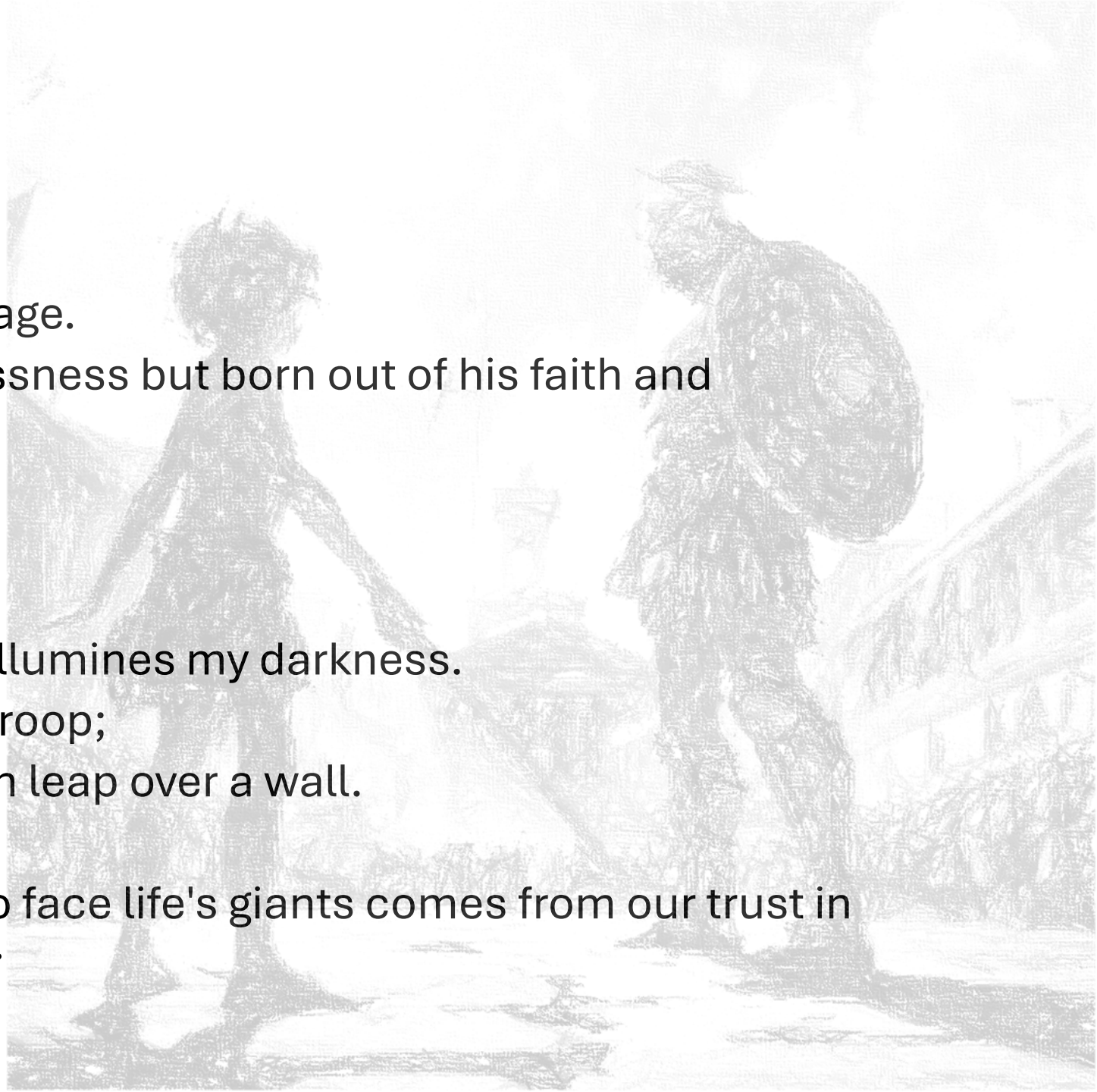
- The third stone represents courage.
- David's courage was not recklessness but born out of his faith and obedience.

Psalm 18:28–29 (NASB95)

28 For You light my lamp;
The LORD my God illumines my darkness.

29 For by You I can run upon a troop;
And by my God I can leap over a wall.

- It teaches us that our courage to face life's giants comes from our trust in God, not from our own strength.



Stone 4: Preparation

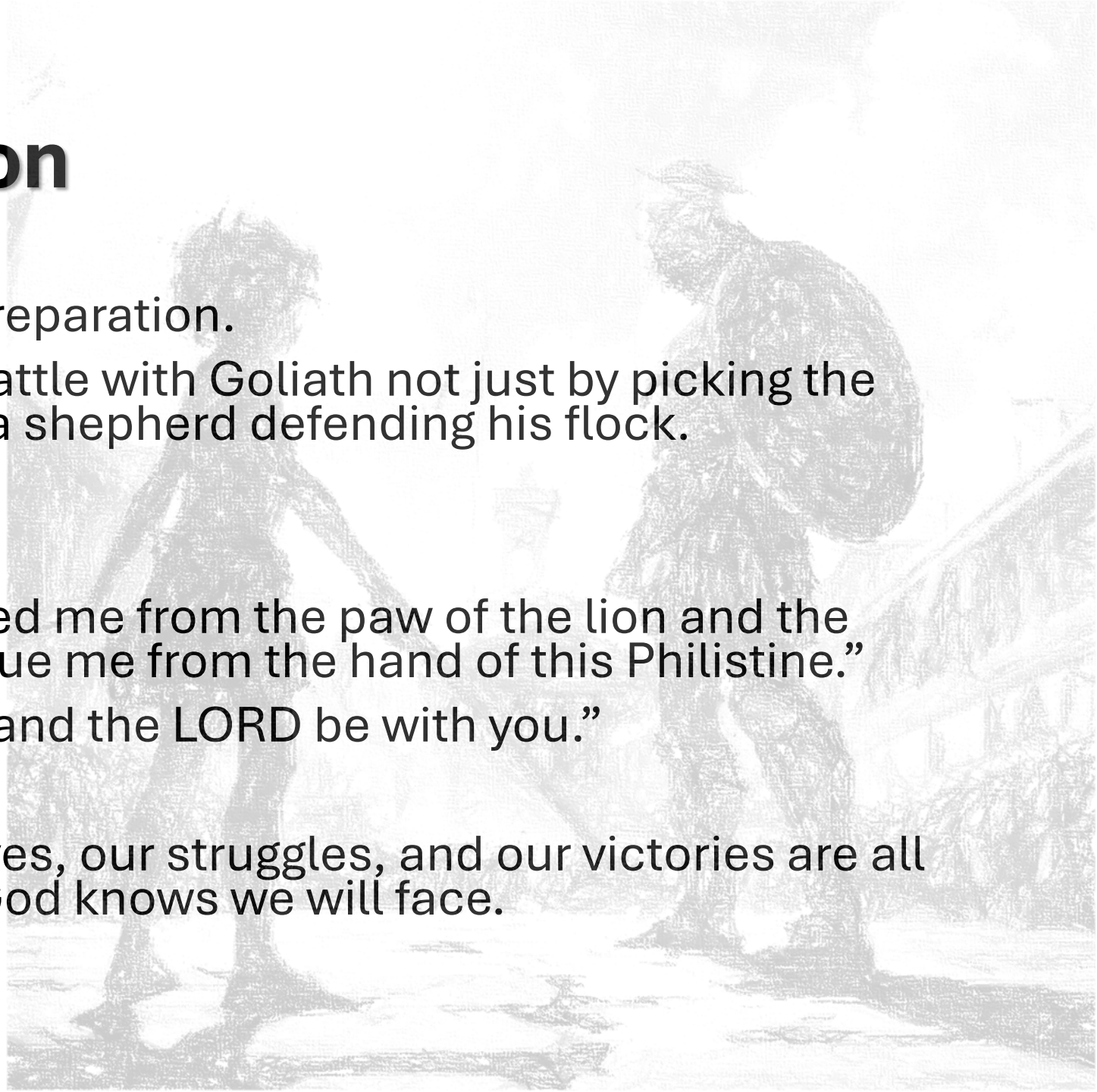
- The fourth stone stands for preparation.
- David was prepared for the battle with Goliath not just by picking the stones but also by his life as a shepherd defending his flock.

1 Samuel 17:37 (NIV)

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.”

- It reminds us that our daily lives, our struggles, and our victories are all preparations for the battles God knows we will face.



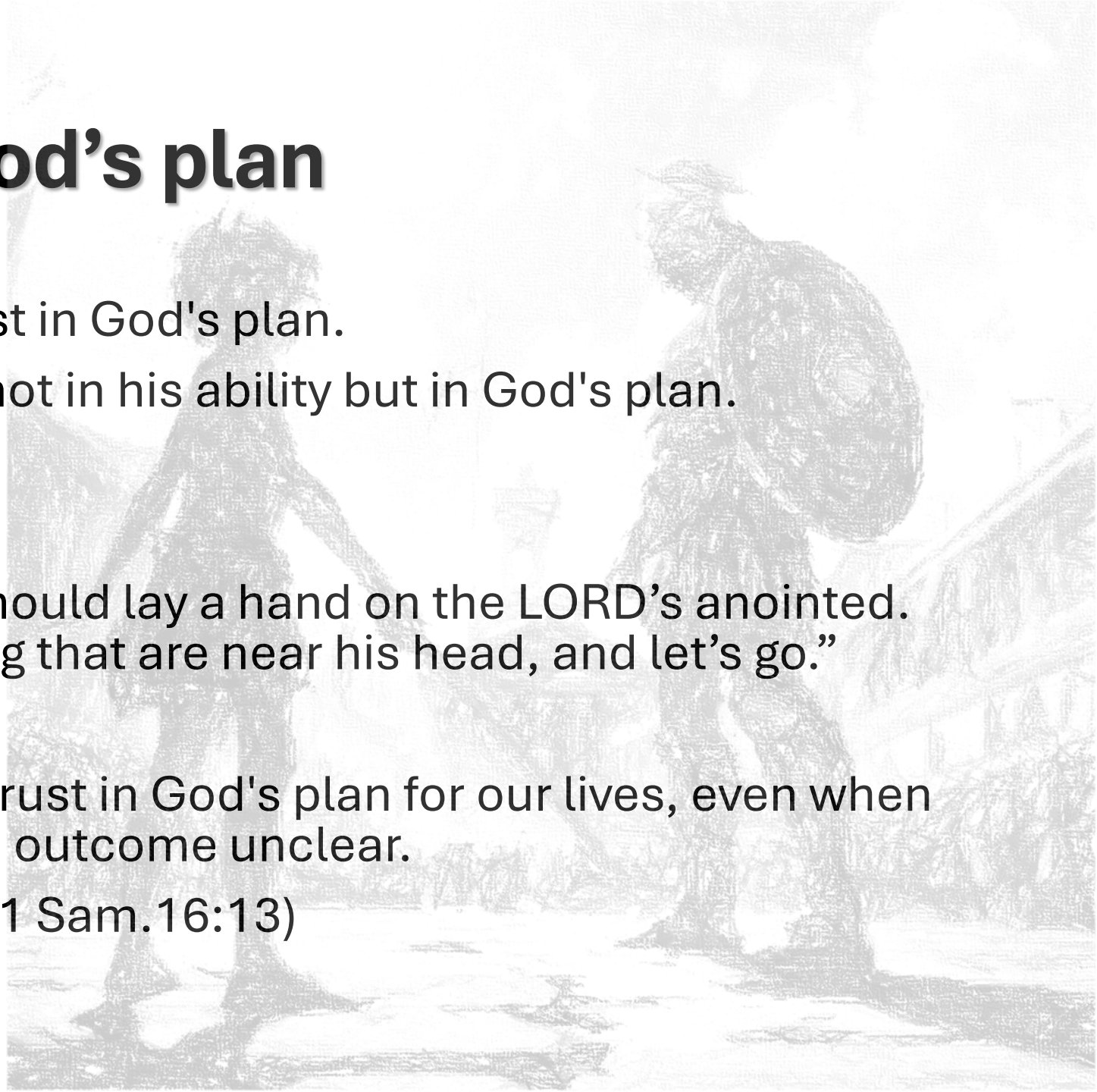
Stone 5: Trust in God's plan

- the fifth stone represents trust in God's plan.
- David knew that victory was not in his ability but in God's plan.

1 Samuel 26:11 (NIV)

11 But the LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD's anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go."

- This stone encourages us to trust in God's plan for our lives, even when the path is uncertain, and the outcome unclear.
- Samuel anointed David king (1 Sam. 16:13)



Facing Giants in Our Lives



Giants

- Our Job
- Our Community
- Financial commitments
- Family members
- Health challenges
- Ageing and Retirement



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Psalm 23:1–6 (NKJV)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.**

3 He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

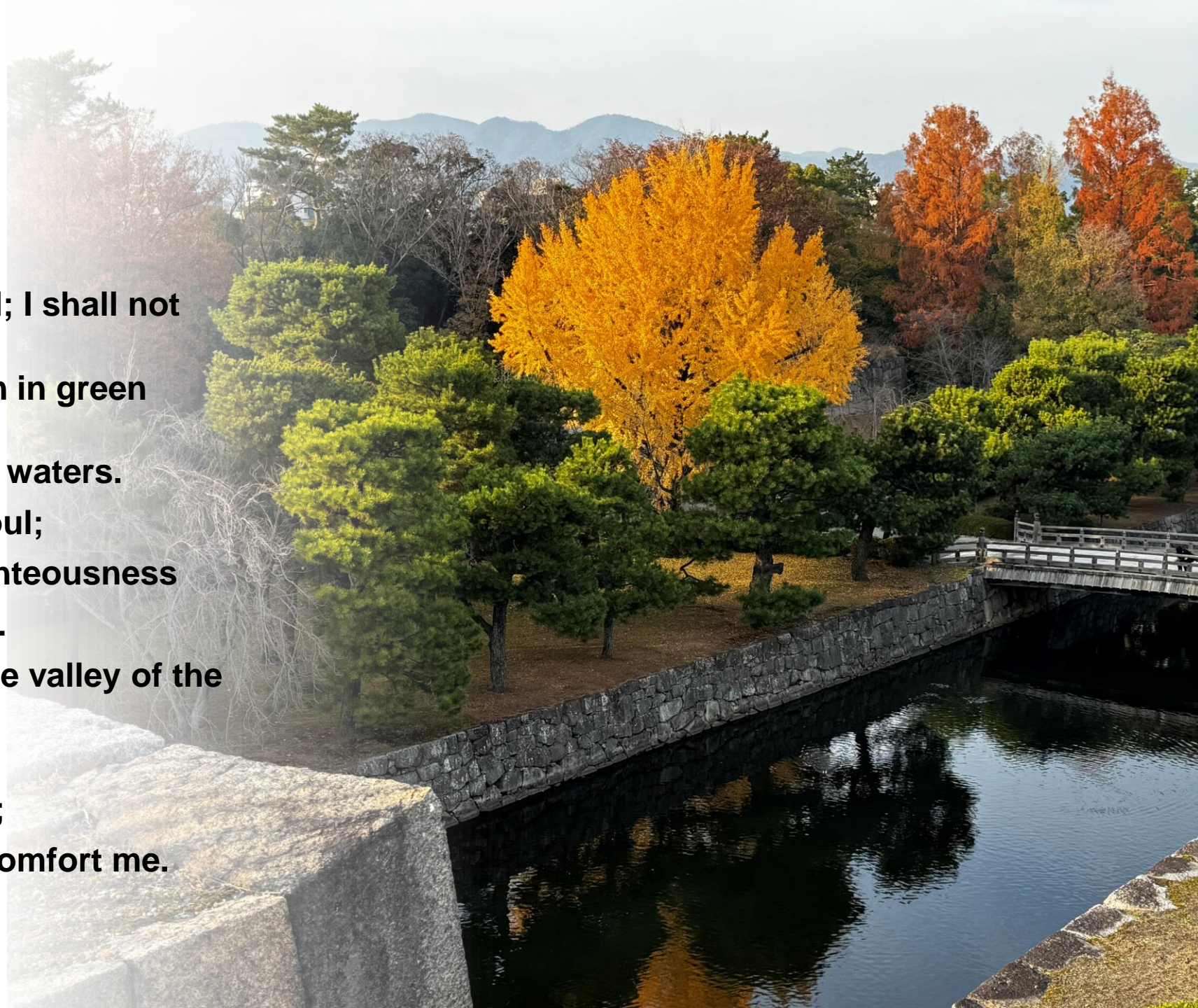
For His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.



Psalm 23:1–6 (NKJV)

**5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;**

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

**6 Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me**

All the days of my life;

**And I will dwell in the house of the
LORD**

Forever.

