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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

1 Sam. 17:45-47 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 day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

The battle is the LORD’s. I love this statement by young David when he was facing the giant, Goliath. As a young boy, probably around twelve years old, David faced a man that was larger than any other man. He towered over everyone else and was so physically intimidating that no other soldier would dare go out to face him; much less a little boy. He was a mountain of a man. And yet, here comes little David with nothing but a sling and five stones, and a faith bigger than any mountain. How could David possibly win? Well here’s a spiritual note for us all: David didn’t have to go out and win because the battle was already won. David understood that in the bigger scheme of things, the God of the universe trumps a giant any day. And, the scriptural principle could not have been stated any better than this: ***the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give all of you into our hands!*** Here is the story of someone (a man after God’s own heart) who understands that his God is bigger, better, and stronger than anything this world can bring. When we have this kind of perspective, we can face whatever challenges that come our way because they are not our battles, they are the Lord’s. He is able to defeat any giant that comes our way. What is the giant that you are facing? Is it a relationship? A struggle with an addiction? A lack of faith? A financial hole? Whatever it is, there is no doubt that God is bigger and able to do something about it. The battle is the Lord’s and He will give you victory if you will but ask Him to do so.

Dear LORD, You are bigger than anything that we might face today. You are stronger and bigger than the giants we face. Lord, help us to realize that we don’t have to face these alone, because you are with us and will never leave us or forsake us. In Jesus Name, Amen