

**Only a Boy Named David
Only a Man Named Goliath
The Only God, Named Jehovah**

by Samuel E. Ward

**“The whole world will know that there is a
God in Israel.”**

1 Samuel 17:46b (NIV2011)

Introduction



1. The Israelites had become a nuisance to the Philistines, having experienced moderate victories against them as recorded in 1 Sam 13-14.
2. The Philistines were a constant threat to Israel all the days of Saul, 1 Sam 14:52.
3. A young shepherd David is anointed privately by Samuel to replace Saul at the end of his reign, 1 Sam 16:1, 12-13.

Israel's Predicament



1. Israel's enemy was overwhelming and their champion, terrifying., 1Sam 17:4
2. Israel's enemy possessed the latest military arsenal made with iron and kept it secret, 1 Sam 13:19.

3. Israel was underwhelming with only two iron swords and spears among them (Saul and Jonathan). The others' arrows and spears were stone or soft metal tipped, 1 Sam 13:22.

God's Man



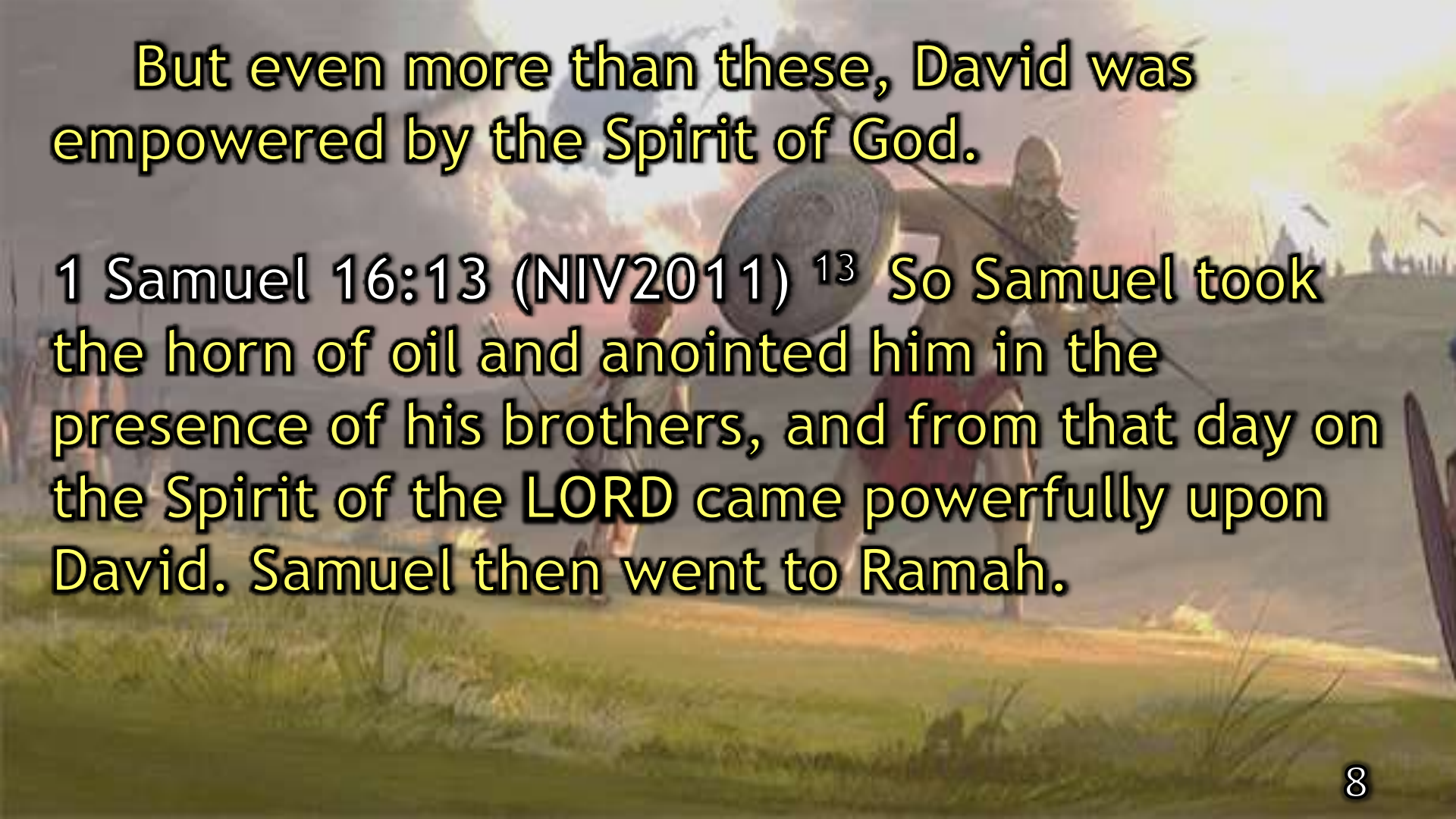
1. David Was Motivated by a Righteous Objective.

1 Samuel 17:46 (NIV2011) ^{46b} 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.

2. David Was Outfitted with the Right Armament.

1 Samuel 17:38-40 (NIV2011) ³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. “I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off.

40 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.



But even more than these, David was empowered by the Spirit of God.

1 Samuel 16:13 (NIV2011) ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

3. David Was Possessed with a Right Confidence in the LORD.

1 Samuel 17:37 (NIV2011) 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.”

1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NIV2011) ⁴⁵ 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.
⁴⁶ 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.

47 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.”

4. David Was Just the Man God Wanted Because He was...

Acts 13:22b (NIV2011) ^{22b} 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.'

If We Would Be God's Man or Woman, then...

Our objectives must be righteous.

Colossians 3:17 (NIV2011) ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Our armament must be spiritual.

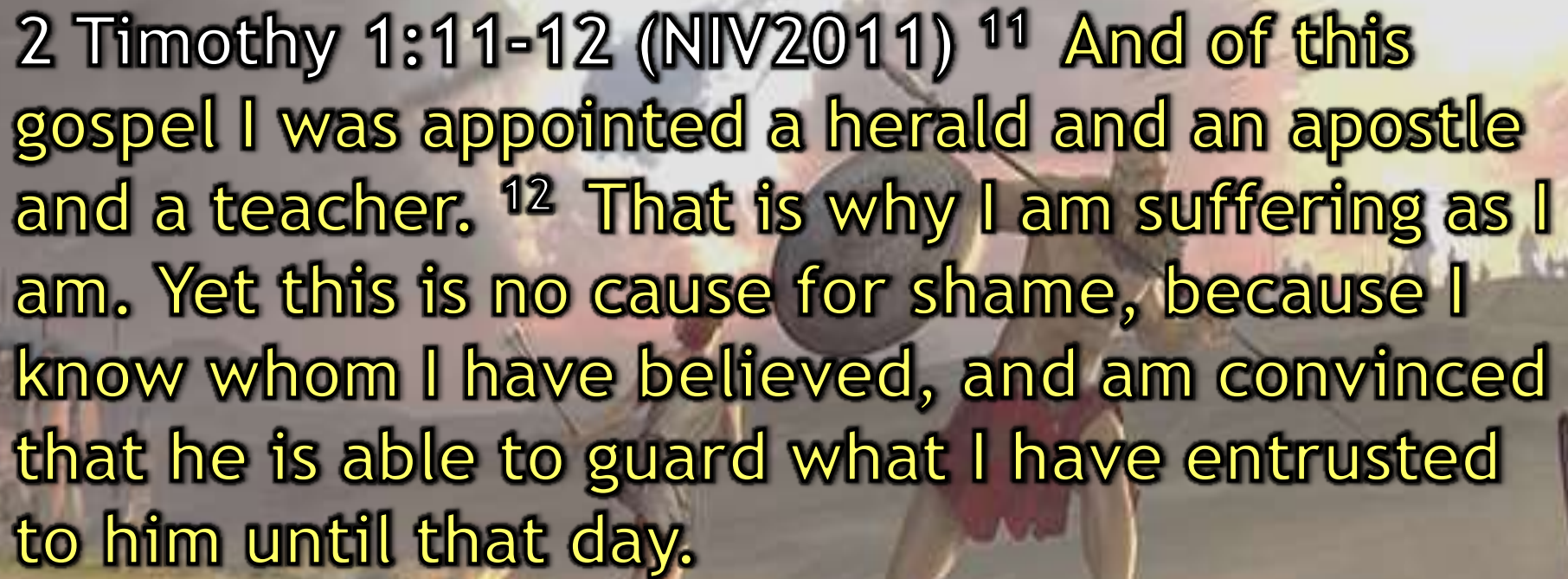
Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV2011) ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

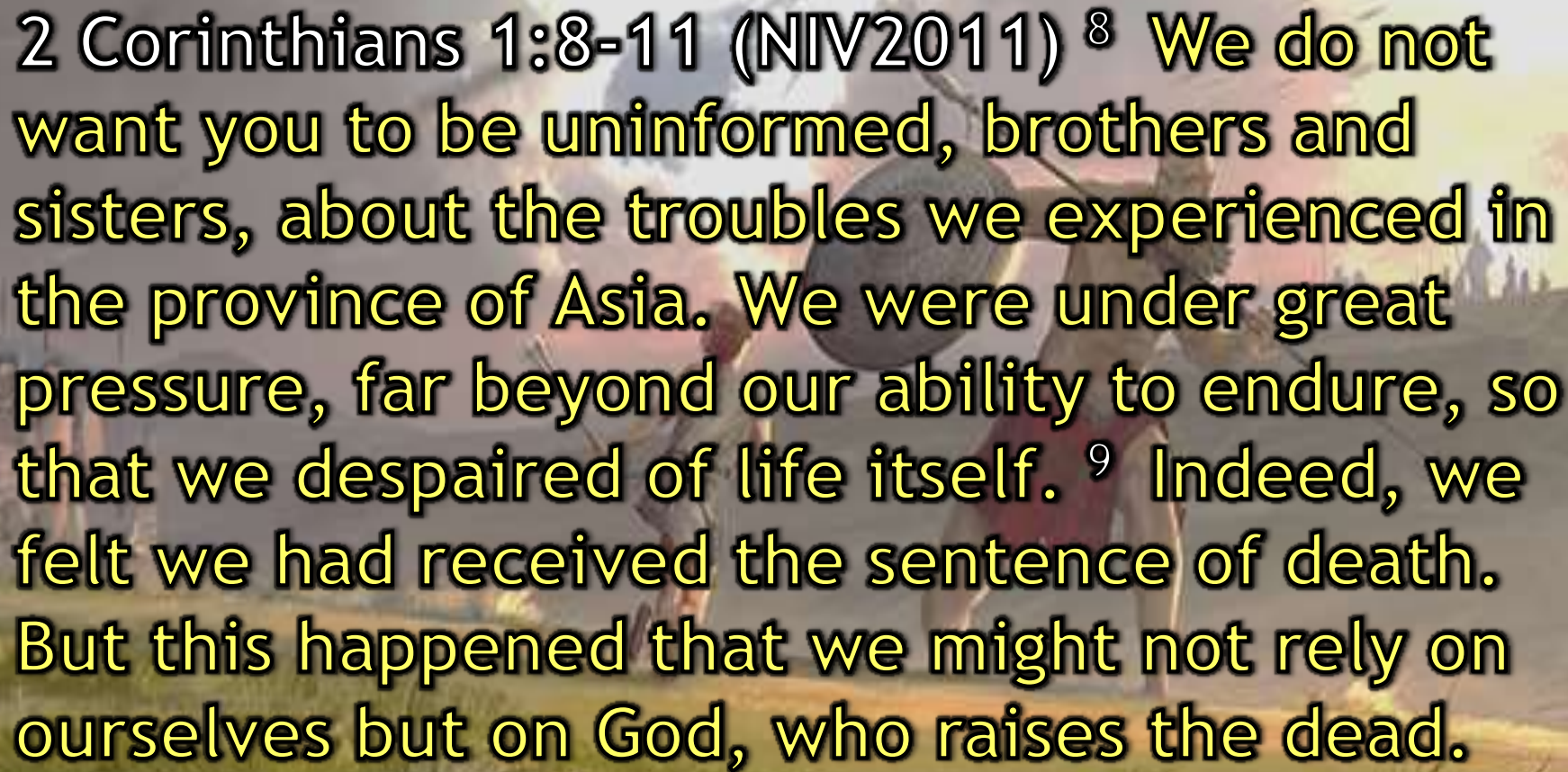
¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Our confidence must be in God.

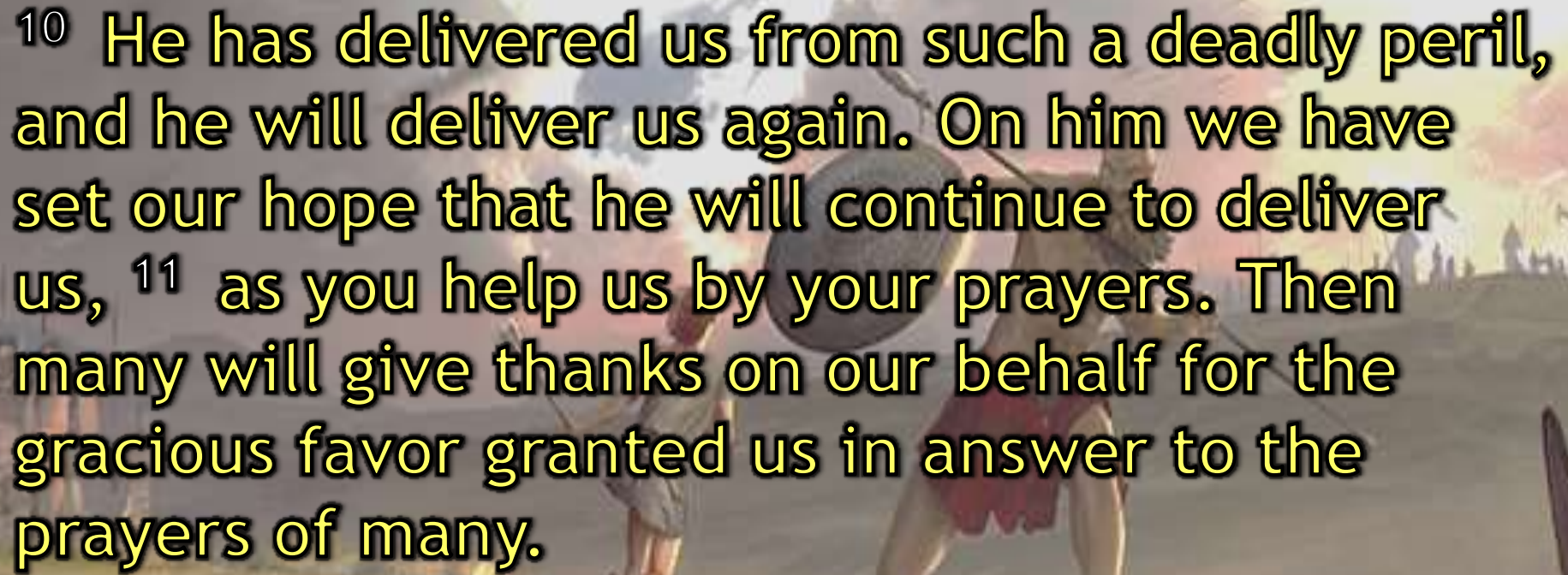
Hebrews 13:6 (NIV2011) ⁶ So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”



2 Timothy 1:11-12 (NIV2011) ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.



2 Corinthians 1:8-11 (NIV2011) ⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

A person in a grey tunic and sandals is running away from a large, muscular warrior in a red loincloth. The warrior is holding a large, round shield and a spear. The scene is set in a hazy, outdoor environment with a grassy foreground and a distant, silhouetted city or village in the background under a bright, hazy sky.

¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

