



With a Sling and a Stone

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1 Samuel 17

32 David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." 33 Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you." 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.

Causes for the Stalemate

1. Each army used a different style of _____.
2. The geography of the land was in _____ favor.

Types of Fighters

1. _____ fighters fought and kill at a distance.
2. Heavy _____ fought hand-to-hand.

Advantages of Slings

1. _____
2. _____ to make
3. _____ to produce
4. _____ readily available

Characteristics of the Stone

1. It consisted of barium sulphate which is _____ the _____ of normal stones.
2. The stone was _____ travelling nearly _____.
3. Ballistics tests indicate that the projectile had a stopping power roughly equal to a _____.

Keys to Victory

1. I cannot place my faith in _____ wisdom, human ingenuity, or my own _____.
2. I cannot rely on second hand _____.
3. I must establish daily disciplines so that in the day of battle they will become my _____.

**You will always default
to the habits and disciplines
you have established.**