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Jehovah Tsaba, The LORD OF HOSTS

1 Samuel 17:38-47

**Key Truth:** Battles are a natural part of our daily lives. However, the good news is we have Jehovah Tsaba to fight our battles. He alone is the mighty warrior.

1. A battle for the ages remembered even to this day.

  A. The Israelite army encountered a giant problem.

  B. Goliath insult’s God and Israel’s least likely warrior,

 David.

  C. David would not be intimidated by Goliath’s size

 nor his insults.

2. Blasphemy against God is certain to get His attention.

  A. Goliath cursed David by his gods.

 1. Therefore, this became a spiritual battle played out

 on earth. **Ephesians 6:12**

  B. David experienced the true God, Jehovah Tsaba.

  1. David knew there was no battle or problem too big

 for Jehovah Tsaba. **1 Samuel 17:36-37**

3. Calling on Jehovah Tsaba leads to victory and praise.

 A. David knew to pray and rely upon Jehovah Tsaba.

 B. Jehovah Tsaba doesn’t save by conventional wisdom

 nor weapons. **1 Samuel 17:45, 2 Corinthians 10:4-6**

 C. The name Jehovah Tsaba alone brings triumph.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank Jesus, who loves to show Himself strong to those whose hearts are completely His. Ask the Lord to give you courage and strength to face life’s difficult situations.

**Food For Thought:**

Which circumstance in your life has caused the most fear?

When you are confronted with a seemingly unwinnable situation, is your natural reaction one of fight, or flight?

Read I Samuel 17:1-11: Besides his height, what made Goliath an intimidating foe? What did Goliath’s armor reveal about himself?

According to Goliath’s proposal, what was at stake for both sides?

Why were the Israelites helpless against Goliath? Had they forgotten anything?

When you are faced with a scary situation, is your first thought about you and your own abilities, or does your mind first acknowledge that you are one of God’s dear children and that He is your strong heavenly Father?

How does remembering God’s actions on our behalf in the past provide confidence in the present?

Although David fought lions and bears while protecting his father’s flocks, to whom did he give ultimate credit? Why is this important to remember as we face our own difficult situations today?