

the mighty champion, Goliath, with his slingshot.

In a time of great crisis, God used the ability that David already had as the means of winning a great victory. Yet we do not find David going on for the rest of his life, using a slingshot to win battles. David learned to use the whole armor and eventually, as a result of David's activities, Israel stopped being an oppressed nation always living in fear of the Philistines, and became a powerful force, able to conquer all the surrounding nations. This was accomplished not by David's slingshot, but with the help of the best armor that he could get. God may choose to use the very little that we have, in a crisis, but he is anxious that we should so train and prepare that when the crisis comes we will be accustomed to the whole armor of God and able to use it effectively.