

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENTS # 11

Thought: Are You In the Pouch?

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Special Reading: Psalm 103; Isaiah 40:31

I Samuel 17

Verse 40- *and he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out
Of the brook and put them in a Shepherd's pouch which he had...*

Verse 49- *And David put his hand in his pouch (bag), and took thence a
Stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead; and
He fell upon his face to the earth.*

The story of David and Goliath is a beautiful story with many lessons to be drawn from it. See, God chose a young man about 17 years old to do his will. He chose one who had no experience in the things of war. He chose one without training or knowledge of the things of war. He used a young man- not an old man, but a young man- one who was confident in the God he served. So, you see there are many lessons here. However, I want you to think about those “five smooth stones” David picked up.

Note, each stone was ready. Each stone was pulled from the brook with all its edges washed smooth by the water of the brook. Those stones were ready to be used. I want us to imagine in our spiritual eye that Jesus has chosen us from the Waters of the Holy Spirit as smooth stones and placed us in his pouch. Notice each stone was ready, and we stand ready also, ready to be used by God as he desires. But notice only one stone was chosen of the five that were ready. It only took one stone to put Goliath down; the rest of the stones remained in then pouch.

Remember if you were not chosen you are still in the pouch, standing at the ready to be used when Jesus reaches in. Be glad you’re in the pouch, you could be chosen next.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, helps us to not be weary in waiting realizing you order our steps, and we’re standing at the ready as “five smooth stones”. We know only one may be chosen but we all stand at the ready to do as you command. Help us to wait knowing that you are in charge. Help us to wait without fear but with praise and thanksgiving, with a made-up mind to serve you no matter what. Thank you Lord, we are still in the pouch. Amen.