

“The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength”

Sermon

1 Samuel 17:38-50; John 18:33-37

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1) Nothing but... *a sling and a stone.*

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...⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. *(1 Samuel 17:45, 50)*

2) Nothing but... *a cross.*

³⁷ Jesus answered [Pilate], “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. ...”

^{14b} “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.¹⁵ But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” ...

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. *(John 18:37; 19:14b-15, 19)*

3) Nothing but... *a crown.*

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. *(2 Timothy 4:8)*