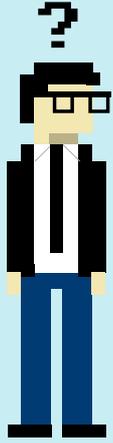




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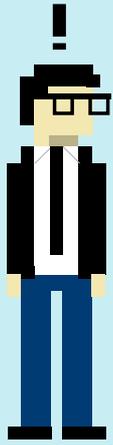
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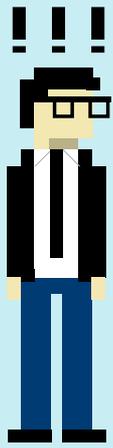
**For what does
it profit a man
if he gains the
whole world
and loses or
forfeits
himself?**

LUKE 9:25



**"If anyone
would come
after me, let
him deny
himself and
take up his
cross daily and
follow me.**

LUKE 9:23



**For whoever
would save his
life will lose
it, but whoever
loses his life
for my sake
will save it.**

LUKE 9:24

Gaining the whole world doesn't lead to anything



CHASING THE
WORLD IS AN
EMPTY GAME

**DENY
YOURSELF &
TAKE UP YOUR
CROSS &
FOLLOW HIM**

deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him...

and then you will gain life. who ever keeps it for themselves will lose it, but whoever loses it for Him will find it.

but,



BUT...

**HOW DO WE
DENY
OURSELVES
& TAKE UP
OUR CROSS?**

what does it mean?!

LEVEL UP

PART 1

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Follow the teacher.

Recognise your blindness.

Ask God to reveal your blindspots.

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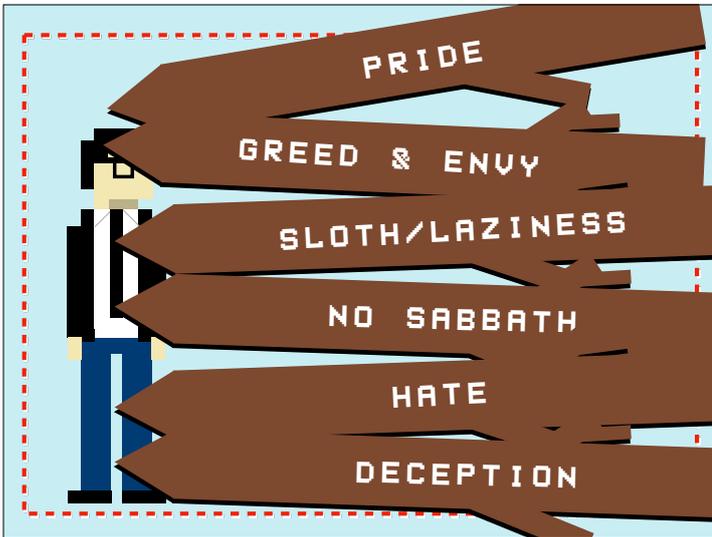
**ASK THE
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REVEAL YOUR
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blindspots.

follow the teacher, walk in his way,
don't just follow your own blindness

**WHAT'S A
BLINDSPOT?**

but what's a blindspot/ what's a log in the eye?



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3. Slothfulness — an unwillingness to be responsible for the life

4. Rejecting God's Rest

5. No Sabbath, an unwillingness to trust God

6. A rejection of God's love, and a rejection of being God's people of love

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You've got enough logs to build a small village.

In a sense, idolatry — when there's anything that is taking precedence over God. What you love more than Him. And that's demonstrated in our thought life, in our physical life, in our emotional life,

**RECOGNISE
THE SIN THAT
KEEPS YOU
FROM MOVING
FORWARD**

blind leading the blind
recognise the sin that keeps you from
moving forward



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Take a few minutes to stop and think about that. Before we go into part 2.

LEVEL UP

PART 2

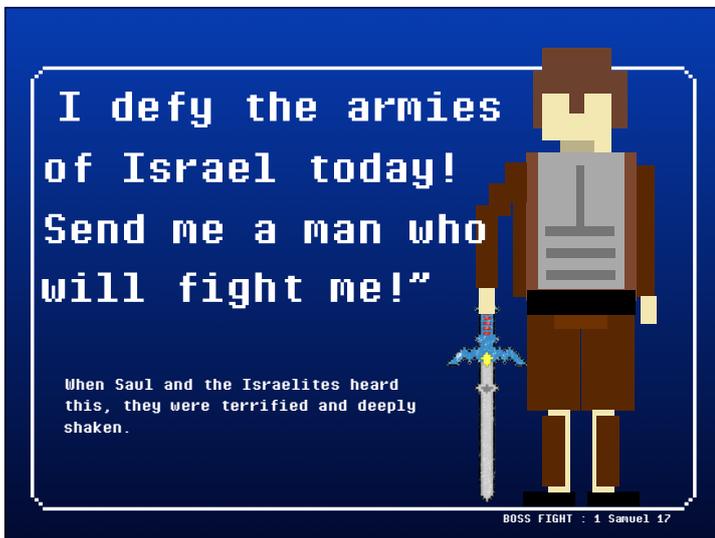


GOLIATH

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Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! 9 If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! 10 I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" 11 When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

sin is in your way from moving forward

**YOUR SIN
STANDS IN
YOUR WAY
LIKE GOLIATH**

For who is this uncircumcised
Philistine, that he should defy
the armies of the living God?"

"Let no man's heart fail
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David arrives and is surprised that
everyone is afraid of Goliath.

save your life, lose your life for
Christ...

"Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him.



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When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul, and he sent for him. 32 And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."

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**KNOW YOUR GOD
THE VICTORY IS
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Know that God is victorious.
God is the deliverer.
you can't defy the armies of the living
God

**SIN DEFIES
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LET IT HAVE
VICTORY IN
YOUR LIFE!**

ROMANS 6:2

sin defines God. Don't let it have
victory in your life!

HOW CAN WE
WHO DIED TO
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ROMANS 6:2

How can we who died to sin still live in it?

"I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch.



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Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, 39 and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul,

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**DEVELOP
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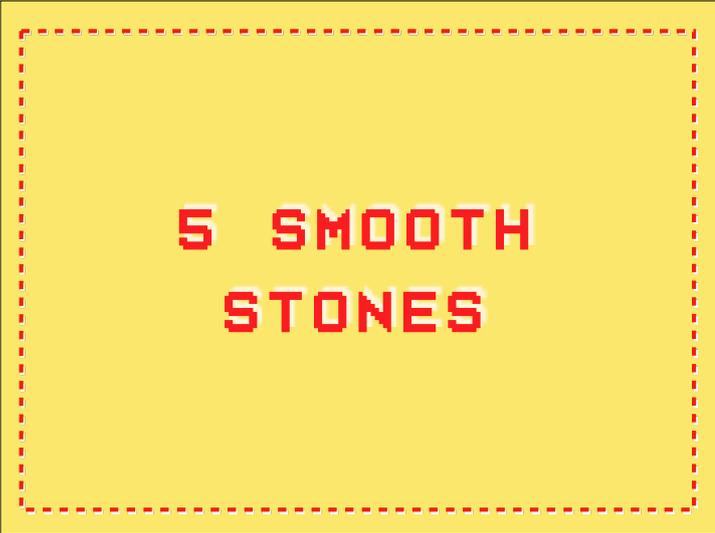
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For us those 5 things can be habits we're making to keep ourselves from those temptations. If it's laziness, then we prepare ourselves but working in environments where we don't turn to temptation. If it's anger, then we practice focusing on Christ and making space before reacting. We find those stones. We practice. We prepare.

If it is greed or envy, then we practice generosity. If it is the lack of a sabbath, then we deliberately prioritise Christ first each week. If it is fear or worry, then we take those concerns to Christ, and focus on his Sovereign grace and love.



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1 PETER 1:13

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It can seem as if the sin cannot be conquered.

the habit cannot be broken.

the mindset cannot change.

the lifestyle cannot be broken.

we can lose all hope when we face the sin of this world.

even when we face the sin in our own lives.

the lack of faith. ‘

“You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.



We are victorious for the honour of our King.

We need to understand and see that there is Honour. In the same way we understand what it means to honour our parents, or to treat things with respect... the victory is God's Don't let anyone slander it.

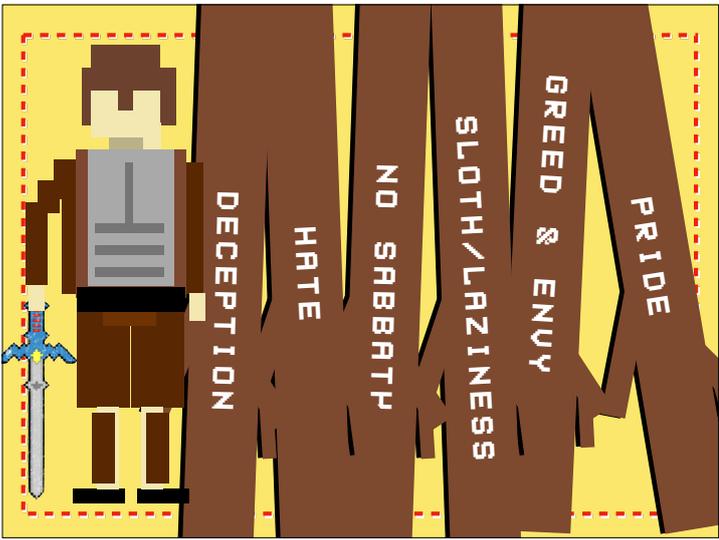
Don't let any sin defile God's glory in your life!

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And he will lead you onward





RESPOND : God, remove the sin in my heart, in my mind. Remove that Goliath from me. I believe that you are victorious. That you have overcome sin. So let me not fall into temptation. But deliver me from evil. For it is your kingdom. Your kingdom's victory. Your kingdom's life. God give me the 5 smooth stones I need to defend myself against sin, and let me walk in the courage and victory of you.

In Jesus name, Amen