Take Off the Armor

David, the Living God, and the Woman God Made You to Be — Disciple copy · Jail Ministry · Pleasant Springs Church

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Words to know

Defy: dare to your face. *Uncircumcised:* outside God's promise. *Anointed:* God's chosen King. *Avenge:* pay back. *Transgressors:* people who have broken God's law. *Unformed substance:* you, before you had a shape. *Radiant:* shining. *Miry bog:* deep mud that holds you down.

1 · Who is the world really fighting?

> **1 Samuel 17:10 (ESV)** — "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together."
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> **1 Samuel 17:26 (ESV)** — "For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"
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> **Psalm 2:2 (ESV)** — "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed"
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> **John 15:18 (ESV)** — "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you."

For 25 verses, no one says God's name. The first one to say it is _____ .

➤ The world's real fight is with the _____ God.

2 · "The battle is the LORD's"

> **1 Samuel 17:47 (ESV)** — "For the battle is the LORD's"
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> **1 Samuel 24:12 (ESV)** — "May the LORD judge between me and you, may the LORD avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you."
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> **John 16:33 (ESV)** — "But take heart; I have overcome the world."
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> **1 Samuel 19:10 (ESV)** — "And David fled and escaped that night."

➤ **You no longer have to _____ the world.**

Loving someone who hurt you never means going back to be _____.

> **Psalm 142:7 (ESV)** — "Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name!"

3 · Just as you are

> **1 Samuel 17:39 (ESV)** — "'I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.' So David put them off."
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> **1 Samuel 16:7 (ESV)** — "man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."
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> **Psalm 51:10 (ESV)** — "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."
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> **Psalm 51:13 (ESV)** — "Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you."

➤ **"Just as you are" is where God _____. It is not where He _____.**

The armor I have been wearing:

4 · Love is what God does

> **2 Samuel 9:3 (ESV)** — "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?"
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> **2 Samuel 9:11 (ESV)** — "So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons."
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> **Psalm 23:6 (ESV)** — "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me"
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> **1 John 4:19 (ESV)** — "We love because he first loved us."

"Follow" in Psalm 23 is really the word for _____. God's mercy comes after you.

➤ **Love is not first a feeling. It is what God _____.**

One small kind thing I can do this week:

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5 · The woman God made you to be

> **Psalm 139:16 (ESV)** — "Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me"
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> **Colossians 3:3 (ESV)** — "your life is hidden with Christ in God."
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> **1 John 3:2 (ESV)** — "what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him"
>
> **Psalm 34:5 (ESV)** — "Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed."

You meet her by looking at _____. She will shine with God's _____, not her own.

The goal of this life

> **Psalm 40:2–3 (ESV)** — "He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD."

➤ **Meet her. _____ her. Point the _____ back to Him.**

Closing prayer

Father, You are the living God. Thank You that this fight was always Yours. Help us take off the armor we made and come to You just as we are. Chase us with Your mercy, and let us show that same kindness to the woman next to us. Show us who You made us to be. Let her shine with Your light, so that many will see and trust You. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Talk about it

1. What armor have you worn to get by? What would it feel like to set it down?
2. David never hurt Saul, and he also ran from the spear. How can both of those be love?
3. Who has shown you "the kindness of God," when they did not have to?
4. When have you seen someone shine in a way that made you want what she had?

My notes

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