



5 STONES

Part 6: “The Prayer Stone”

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“As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground. So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.”

1 Samuel 17:48-50 (NLT)

MY GIANTS ARE DESTROYED BY TARGETING MY PRAYER STONE AT...

1. ...THE FEARS THAT STARVE MY TRUST

“Don’t worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks for what you have.”

And because you belong to Christ Jesus, God's peace will stand guard over all your thoughts and feelings. His peace can do this far better than our human minds."

Philippians 4:6-7 (ERV)

2. ...THE SINS THAT DROWN ME WITH SHAME

"When I refused to admit my wrongs, I was miserable, moaning and complaining all day long so that even my bones felt brittle. Day and night, Your hand kept pressing on me. My strength dried up like water in the summer heat; You wore me down. When I finally saw my own lies, I owned up to my sins before You, and I did not try to hide my evil deeds from You. I said to myself, 'I'll admit all my sins to the Eternal,' and You lifted and carried away the guilt of my sin."

Psalms 32:3-5 (TVB)

"But if we own up to our sins, God shows that He is faithful and just by forgiving us of our sins and purifying us from the pollution of all the bad things we have done."

1 John 1:9 (TVB)

3. ...THE LIFESTYLE THAT EXTINGUISHES INTIMACY

“But when you pray, you should go into your room and close the door.

Then pray to your Father. He is there in that private place. He can see what is done in private, and he will reward you. And when you pray, don't be like the people who don't know God. They say the same things again and again. They think that if they say it enough, their god will hear them.”

Matthew 6:6-7 (ERV)

“Never stop praying.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)

4. ...THE IMMATURITY THAT DULLS MY GRATITUDE

“I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together.”

Psalm 34:1-3 (NLT)

“Never stop praying. Be ready for anything by praying and being thankful.”

Colossians 4:2 (ERV)

“Always give thanks for everything to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5:20 (TLB)

“Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIRV)