

## What Can I do?

Sir Knights,

In 1 Samuel 17, we find the story of David and Goliath. In this passage, when David volunteers to go out and face the Philistine champion, King Saul offers David his armor and his sword, to which David responded, "I cannot go with these...", so he removed them and picked up five smooth stones and went out with his sling to defeat the giant.

Why did David decide against using the protection of Saul's armor and the advantage of Saul's sword? Because they were not items he was trained to use. He was a shepherd, and most shepherds were trained in the use of the sling. So David faithfully used what he had to serve God when facing Goliath.

A sling and a stone do not sound as powerful as a sword. But in the hands of one who knows how to use them, especially when trusting in God, they were more than enough.

Too often we limit ourselves by thinking that we have little to offer when it comes to serving God, but we could not be more wrong when we think this way.

You may not have a seminary degree, but everyone has at least one spiritual gift to use in serving God.

Sometimes it is the simple things, such as a sling, that God uses the most: God used Moses' staff to work miracles before Pharaoh; a jawbone to allow Samson to kill 1,000 Philistines; horns, jars and torches to defeat the Midianites; and a young boy's lunch to feed a crowd of over 5,000 people.

No talent is too small for God. You may believe that you have nothing other than ordinary abilities. But God often uses the ordinary to accomplish the extraordinary. It is important only that you be dedicated to Him for His use.

There is a senior in my church named Lillian. She is 79-years-old, she has to use a walker to get around, her neck is permanently slanted extremely to one side due to spine problems, and until a few months ago she was homebound and was unable to attend church for a few years. She has finally recouped enough that she is able to attend church regularly again. And the first thing she did when she showed up was to ask for a volunteer application so she could serve. When asked why she wanted to do so she said, "I still have something to give." Now I see her every Sunday serving as a greeter.

As Knights Templar that should be our attitude. We still have something to give, and there are plenty of ways to serve, both in and out of our commanderies. Maybe it's time to step into an officer's role, or just to help in one of many other ways. Perhaps you can drive someone who can't drive at night to a meeting, or help to contact absent sir knights. And there are many ways to help care for those around us, either through acts of service or simply by contributing to our charities so that others can benefit through them. There are no small tasks.

What do you have that God can use? Anything and everything is a possible instrument for Him. Whatever your gifts and talents are, use them faithfully and watch God's awesome power work through them.

Always and All Ways in Christ

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