

1 Samuel 17:38-39

So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took them off.

The Armor of God fits perfectly on each and every believer. The issue is when we try and make someone wear armor that was not made for them, or we try and wear armor that was not made for us.

Take today's devotional verses as an example. David was called by God to go defeat Goliath, and King Saul wanted David to do it his way, which was to wear his (King Saul's) armor. But it didn't fit David, because Saul's armor was made for the King, and David was not the King yet, that's why he didn't feel comfortable wearing King Saul's armor. But after David took off Saul's armor, and put on God's Armor, that's when he felt capable to defeat Goliath. And that armor was David's faith in God, and not a man made armor like king Saul wore.

It would be like my pastor telling me to wear his armor. Well, I am not called to be the pastor, so his armor would not fit me, and it would not feel comfortable on me. No, I am on the worship team at church, and it would be like me saying that everyone should learn how to play an instrument and be on the worship team. That would be me telling everyone to wear the same armor that I wear, which is fitted and designed for those on the worship team.

But, if that were to happen, where would the congregation be? Where would the Ushers be? Where would the Greeters be? Where would the Elders be? Where would the Prayer Warriors be? Where would the Sunday School teachers be?

Not everyone is called to be a king or pastor of a church. Not everyone is called to defeat Goliath, or be those prayer warriors praying earnestly with faith. But, we all have our place in the church. That one phrase is very important, so don't just skim over it, so let me repeat it again:

"We ALL have a place in the church"

And being a pew potato is not having a place in the church. What's a pew potato? It's like a couch potato, you know, those who sit around all day doing nothing. Pew potatoes are those who only come to church on Sunday, sit and listen to the message but don't do anything at all in the church.

Think about that for a moment, a couch potato usually sits around in their pajamas or sweats all day, never prepared to do anything other than sit around all day. So a pew potato sits in the pews,

but not wearing any armor at all. Sure, they like to admire others armor, but they don't wear any themselves. And it's not that they don't have any armor to wear, it's that they are too lazy to put on the armor.

So we all need to put on the Armor of God, and not sit around admiring others armor. Also, not desiring to wear someone else's armor either, because God has armor designed to fit each and every one of us perfectly. Armor that you feel comfortable in and that you are able to do the work or battle that comes upon each and everyone of us every day.

And sometimes, like David, we need to wear God's armor that He designed for us to fight the battles that help not just ourselves, but others also. Be it a Goliath coming against your family, or coming against your church family, to someone who just found out that they have cancer or their spouse wants a divorce.

† **1 Samuel 17:40 & 45** *Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine. Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, 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.*

† **Ephesians 6:11-13** *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*