

# THE ANOINTING!

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**The Lord's anointed ones are full of active faith!** They won't back down to the voice of fear or the appearance of impending destruction.

**We read in 1 Samuel 17, the story of David and Goliath.** David saw Goliath and heard the blasphemies that came out of his mouth. Eliab listened with a sinking heart. Something different happened to David, though. The anointing of the Lord began to heat up within him. At that same moment, the hearts of Israel's unanointed professionals became ice-cold with fear. Do you see the contrast? This has always been a notable distinction between the two, and it still is today... **The anointing gives great boldness, making people immune to fear!** The anointing makes the difference between an academic faith and a burning faith. Let me warn you—the one faith will always irritate the other.



Eliab undoubtedly had reason on his side, which left him weighing up the balance of Israelite and Philistine forces. He saw no other resources. Eliab was able to make professional assessments of battle situations, and he saw that Israel had no chance of winning. This professional officer mentally put himself next to Goliath for comparison and saw him as an awesome giant. **David, in contrast, was a man of active faith and mentally put Goliath next to the God of Israel and saw the Philistine as a midget.** It is amazing what transpires when faith and fear are contrasted.

David knew that he had the Lord on his side, and he felt a holy stirring and indignation within his soul. That was because of the anointing, which gave him resources unknown to others. His inner eyes of faith were upon the Lord. He did more than just hope and pray. **God's anointing made him hungry for victory, and he was excited with eager anticipation.** The anointing was the "guarantee" of things to come.

Oftentimes, people act in response to a voice of fear that comes disguised as a voice of reason. However, for the anointed believer, it is only reasonable to view every unholy circumstance of opposition as insignificant, compared to our great and mighty God! Rather than allowing the challenging circumstances in your life and in the world around you to paralyze and intimidate you, allow them to stoke the fire in your heart. Allow them to embolden you and stir the anointing on your life. Perhaps in this season, as never before, you will discover the great resources God has invested into your life and the anointing He has given you.

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