

“Working Solo” by Kirk Hunt

And he [Benaiah] slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

2 Samuel 23:21 KJV

Benaiah engaged in combat at a disadvantage. He had a walking stick. The unnamed Egyptian had a battle spear. The phrase “goodly man” recognizes the Egyptian as a substantial opponent. Benaiah’s one-on-one victory is not to be lightly dismissed.

As Christian men and women, we often have to work (or fight) solo. We come face-to-face with substantial opposition in our work and lives. We must not back down. Instead we should overcome disadvantage(s) to gain victory.

Of course, we never really work solo. We always have the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through our lives. His Presence is too easily forgotten in front of a hostile executive committee. The Holy One may not be our primary thought during a heated discussion with a coworker.

God will give you the resources you need to start. Your preparation and His power will give you what you need to persevere. All you need is the faith to start and the courage to stay the course.

Take what you have in hand. Face the opposition. Be gracious, generous and merciful in your victory.

Think: Even when physically alone, I am empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Pray: “Lord, help me live in Your power and skill at all times.”

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