



# Grace Snap Shot



*"Viewing life through the lens of God's grace!"*

## Armed and Undangerous

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In scripture we are told about being overcomers in Christ yet many Christians seem to live a life of defeat rather than victory. It reminds me of the Old Testament account of David travelling to visit his brothers who were in the Israelite army. David walks into the camp surprised to see soldiers frozen with fear. For forty days the Israelite soldiers had stood armed and undangerous. They stood dressed for battle, looking good but were indeed powerless. Let's compare the Israelite soldiers with the shepherd David.

### ISRAELITE SOLDIERS

Israelite soldiers stood on the battle line armed with their weapons, and battle training, but they stood frozen in fear.

Israelite soldiers had a desire for victory but when faced with an unexpected and overwhelming opposition, their hope melted away. They felt very insecure.

Trusting in their ability as trained soldiers and comparing themselves with their opposition, the Israelites stood still hindered with thoughts of inadequacy.

Today, these Israelite soldiers represent those who have come to faith in Christ but who have become caught up with faulty thinking. Believing in their powerless religious service and self performance they stand stuck in their good intentions, armed and undangerous.

### SHEPHERD DAVID

David the shepherd entered the camp without armor, or battle training, but moved forward in faith, with boldness.

Even though David arrived at the camp not knowing what to expect, he was not taken off guard with the surrounding circumstances. He felt secure.

David refused to use King Saul's armor and weapons, choosing to trust God, Using simple rocks from a stream David moved forward with a sense of assurance.

Today, David represents those Jesus-People who are free from religious duty and self performance due to their understanding and faith in God's amazing grace. They are experiencing Christ as their life and move forward living a life of uncharted adventure.

Like David who trusted in God rather than self ability, Jesus-People live dependant on the life of Christ within. David took rocks from a stream. Today, Jesus our 'Rock' is all we need. It's in Christ that we find our stream of life flowing. Learn to live out of resting in the finished work of Christ and enjoy the flow of God's blessing in and through your life.