





# FACING YOUR GIANTS









# A Stronghold:



# A Stronghold: Old





**A Stronghold:**

Old, Tough,





**A Stronghold:**

Old, Tough, Discouraging





# Overcoming Strongholds





# I. David Conquers Jerusalem



facing your  
**GIANTS**



David then led his men to  
Jerusalem to fight against the  
Jebusites, the original  
inhabitants of the land who  
were living there.

(2 Samuel 5:6, NLT)

## 1. David Conquers Jerusalem

The Jebusites taunted David,  
saying, “You’ll never get in here!  
Even the blind and lame could  
keep you out!” For the Jebusites  
thought they were safe.

(2 Samuel 5:6, NLT)

## 1. David Conquers Jerusalem



Nevertheless, David took  
the stronghold of Zion (that  
is, the City of David).

(2 Samuel 5:7, NKJV)

1. David Conquers Jerusalem





That day David said to his men, “To defeat the Jebusites you must go through the water tunnel.

(2 Samuel 5:8, NCV)

## 1. David Conquers Jerusalem



Then David dwelt in the  
stronghold, and called it  
the City of David.

(2 Samuel 5:9, NKJV)

1. David Conquers Jerusalem



And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord God of Heaven's Armies was with him.

(2 Samuel 5:10, NLT)

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Didn't read the Bible until after he was  
60, nevertheless...  
he came to a deep and abiding faith.

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"We use God's mighty  
weapons, not mere worldly  
weapons, to knock down the  
Devil's strongholds"  
(2 Corinthians 10:4, NLT)

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# “What did David do?”

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David teaches us how  
to fight strongholds.

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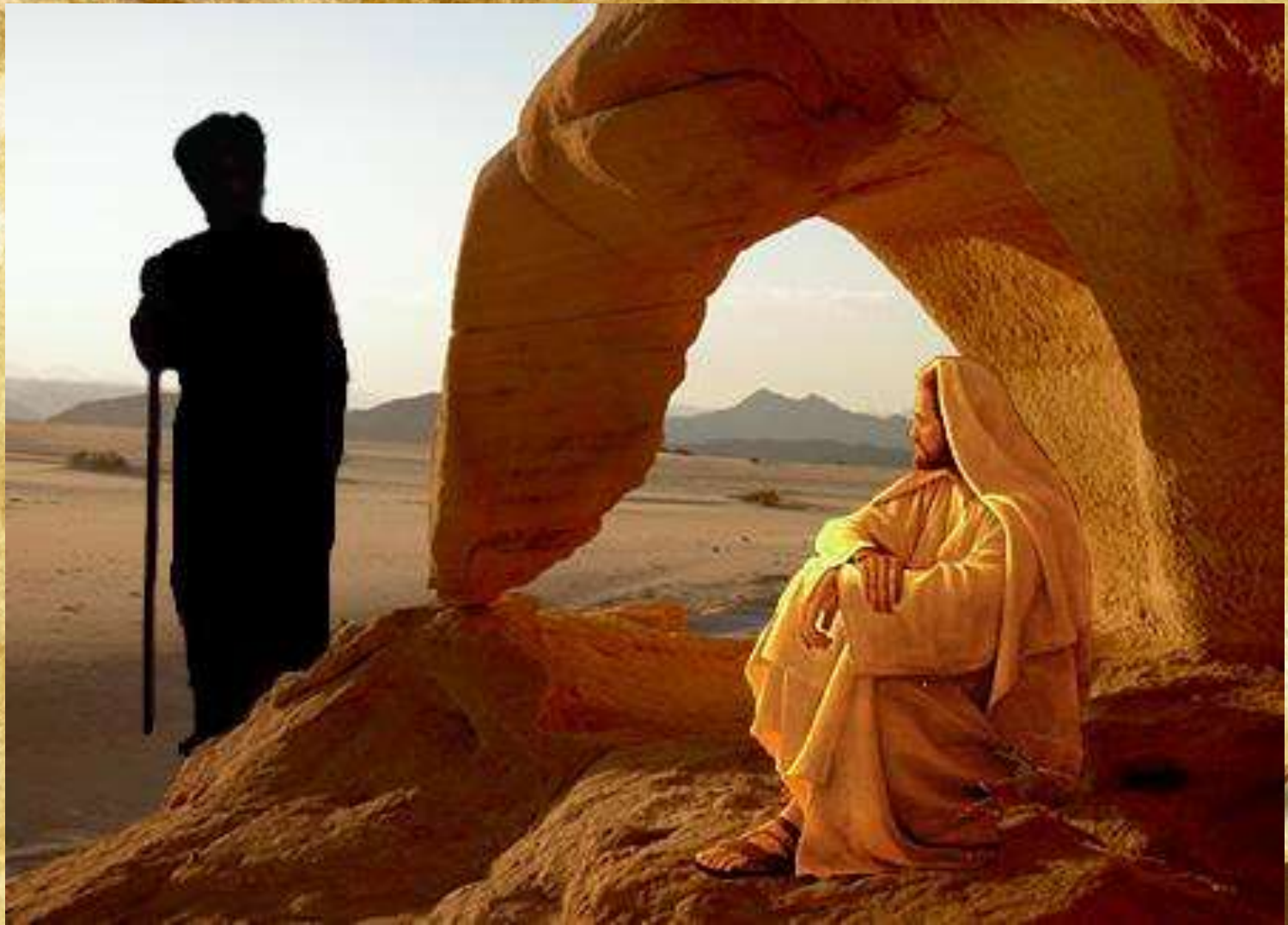


# II. David Turned a Deaf Ear to Negative Voices.



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## 2. David Turned a Deaf Ear to Negative Voices





"Get behind  
Me, Satan!"  
(Matt.16:23)

2. David Turned a Deaf Ear to Negative Voices





“But the people  
laughed at him,”

(Matt. 9:24, NCV)

2. David Turned a Deaf Ear to Negative Voices





“After the crowd had been thrown out of the house, Jesus went into the girl's room and took hold of her hand, and she stood up.”

(Matt. 9:24, NCV)



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*Can't you do the same?*

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# III. Open Your Eyes to New Choices



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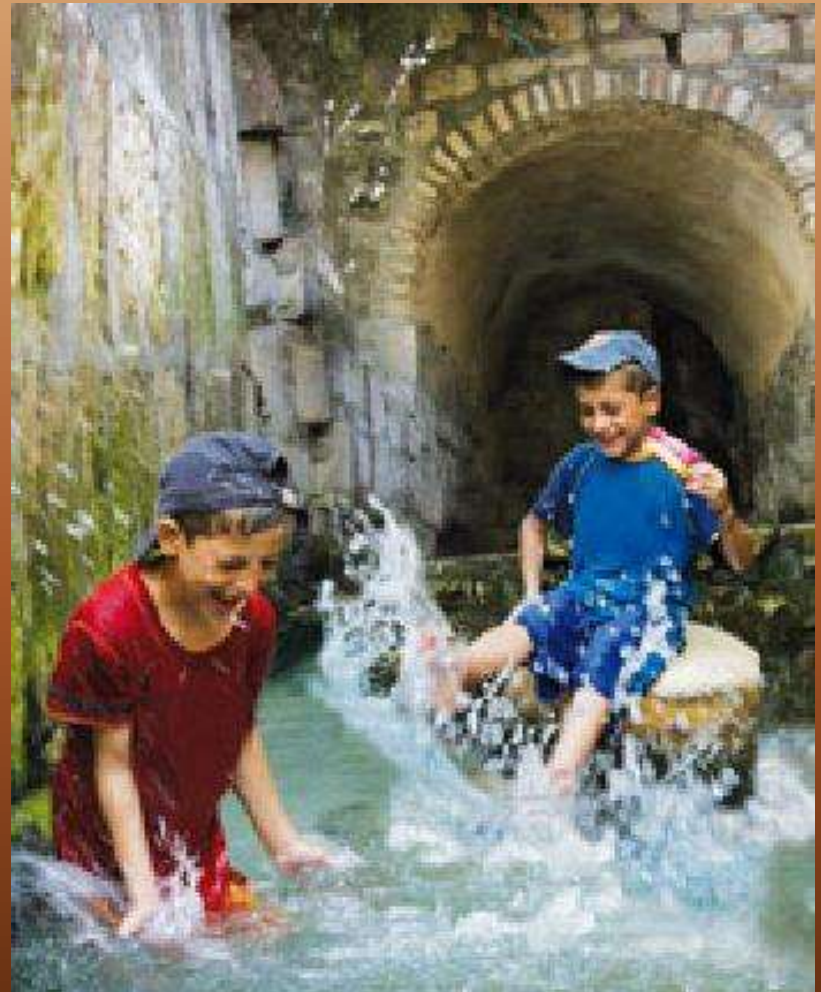
Have you tried a new approach?  
If the wall is too  
tall, try the tunnel.

3. Open Your Eyes to New Choices





# David's Water Tunnel





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# Jesus' Empty Tomb





I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used when he raised Christ from death and let him sit at his right side in heaven.

(Ephesians. 1:19-20, CEV)



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negative voices.

Open a wide eye to the  
new choices.































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