

Affirming the Spirit of the Lord

choreographed by Allison Gilliam
I Samuel 16:22-23; 17:38-40

A lot of us are more like Saul than David. We allow ourselves to be distracted by outside influences. We try to make things work, but no matter how hard we try, we only find temporary answers.

David & Saul

Saul will wear a heavy robe over his tunic that will weigh David down. David wears a simple tunic with a rope tie, has a staff and a bag to carry 5 smooth stones. Some “crafty” man in the congregation can make a simple lyre, as well as, a leather sling. Saul will need a sword to give David

David and Saul come to the stage

²¹ David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. ²²
(Saul turns his head as if to speak) **Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him."**

²³ Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, *(Saul holds his head)* **David would take up his lyre and play.** *(David takes up his lyre)* **Then relief would come to Saul;** *(Saul relaxes)* **he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.**

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³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic*(meaning top robe)* .
(pause to do that) **He put a coat of armor on him** *(pause)* **and a bronze helmet on his head.** *(pause)*³⁹ **David fastened on his sword** *(Saul hands his sword to David and David slides it into the rope tie around his tunic)* **over the tunic** *(pause)* **and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.** *(David walks very clumsily, maybe even just turning around)*

(David gestures to Saul) **"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them."** **So he took them off.** *(music starts—Not By Might)*⁴⁰ **Then he took his staff in his hand,** *(pause)* **chose five smooth stones from the stream,** *(pause)* **put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag** *(pause)* **and, with his sling in his hand,** *(pause)* **approached the Philistine.**

As David freezes with the sling in midair. Congregation sings "Not by might, not by power, but by your Spirit, says the Lord!" This copyright is © 1985 Word Music. Leslie Phillips (title, By My Spirit)

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