# Remember Your “Bear” Story When Fighting Hepatitis C and Liver Disease

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When we’re up against challenges and difficult situations in our lives, it’s important to remember how God has worked in our lives, and even more important to know He is still at work.

We see this important example from David in the Bible when He was up against the giant Goliath.

King Saul along with everyone else was telling David how ill-equipped he was to go up against the giant. All they saw was defeat before he ever stepped out on the battleground. All they saw was how big Goliath was but David saw how big God is.

God had been preparing David for a long time just for this moment though David didn’t even know it at the time. God has also been preparing you my friend just for this moment.

When David spoke up and said He would fight Goliath, Saul ridiculed him but David recalled his bear story, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, stuck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear.” “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this giant.” 1 Samuel 17:34-37NIV

David left everyone in the camp shaking in their sandals with one eye opened as he stepped out on the battlefield to fight Goliath. David relied on God’s strength and help to defeat the giant. David knew what God had done in the past and He knew God would do it again.

What’s your “bear” story? Can you recall a time where God worked in your life?

No matter what your up against with Hepatitis C, liver disease or any situation in your life right now, think back and remember your “bear” story and know this, the same God who worked through David to defeat Goliath, is the same God who is with you right now to defeat the giant in your life. Now repeat after me, “I am a Giant Killer!”

Jesus said, “With God, ALL things are possible.” Matthew 19:26 NIV

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

“Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach.” Deuteronomy 30:11 NIV

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV

“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deuteronomy 31:8 NIV

5 Life Lessons for Warriors

1. God is faithful. He is right beside me every step of the way and will never leave me.
2. God has a good plan even if I can’t see it right now. Walk in faith daily. Trust more and worry less.
3. Stay connected and grounded in Christ by; attending weekly worship and Bible study, meditate on God’s Word daily, stay in prayer daily, keep fellowship with other believers and support. Don’t be fooled into thinking I don’t need to do any of these steps, for the enemy is waiting to overshadow me. (1 Peter 5:8-9 NIV)
4. Keep an attitude of thankfulness and be looking daily for all God is doing.
5. Remember my “bear & lion” victories. God is still at work.

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