

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF A SERMON

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Changing

Lives

Through

God's

Word

PREPARING TO WRITE A SERMON

STEP 1)

PRAYER

AND MORE

The only
way we
know what
to say is
through the
Holy Spirit



John 14:26

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.



Acts 1:8 ESV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**WE ARE
KINDA LIKE
A MIDDLE
MAN**



We cannot make you change
and be more like Jesus!!!

But the word of God can

And the point of this message is that I would like to share a few of the sermons that I have heard over the years that have really touched my heart.

The first one goes back about 8 years ago. The new jail had just opened and pastor Jack was doing the service, and the subject he was teaching on was about David and Goliath.


I am not going to get into the whole story, but if you would like to read a great story on faith!

1 Samuel 17



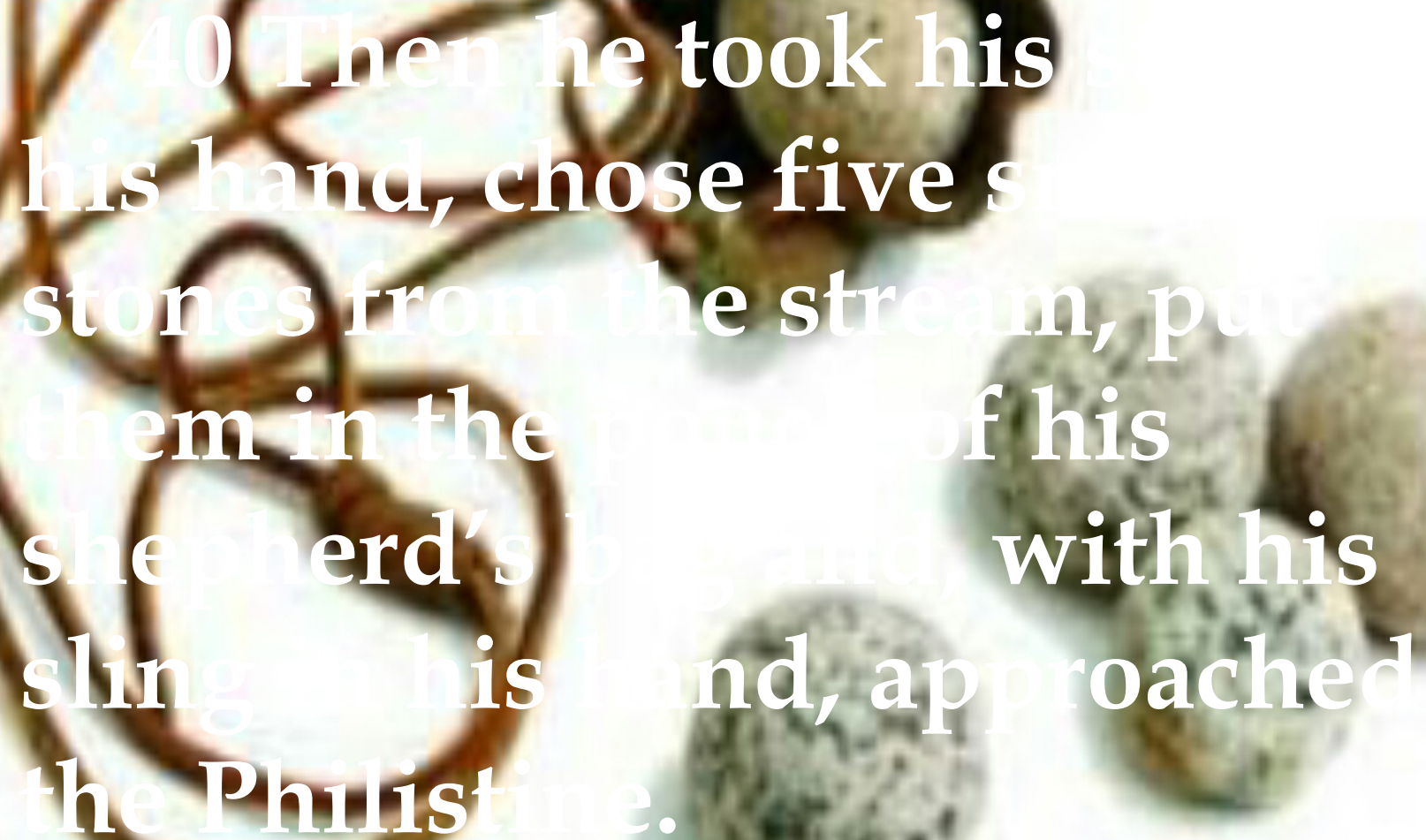
A coiled brown leather strap, possibly a scabbard or part of armor, lies on a white surface. Next to it are five dark, speckled stones, likely sling stones. The text is overlaid on the image.

38 Then Saul dressed
in his own tunic. He put
armor on him and a bronze
helmet on his head.

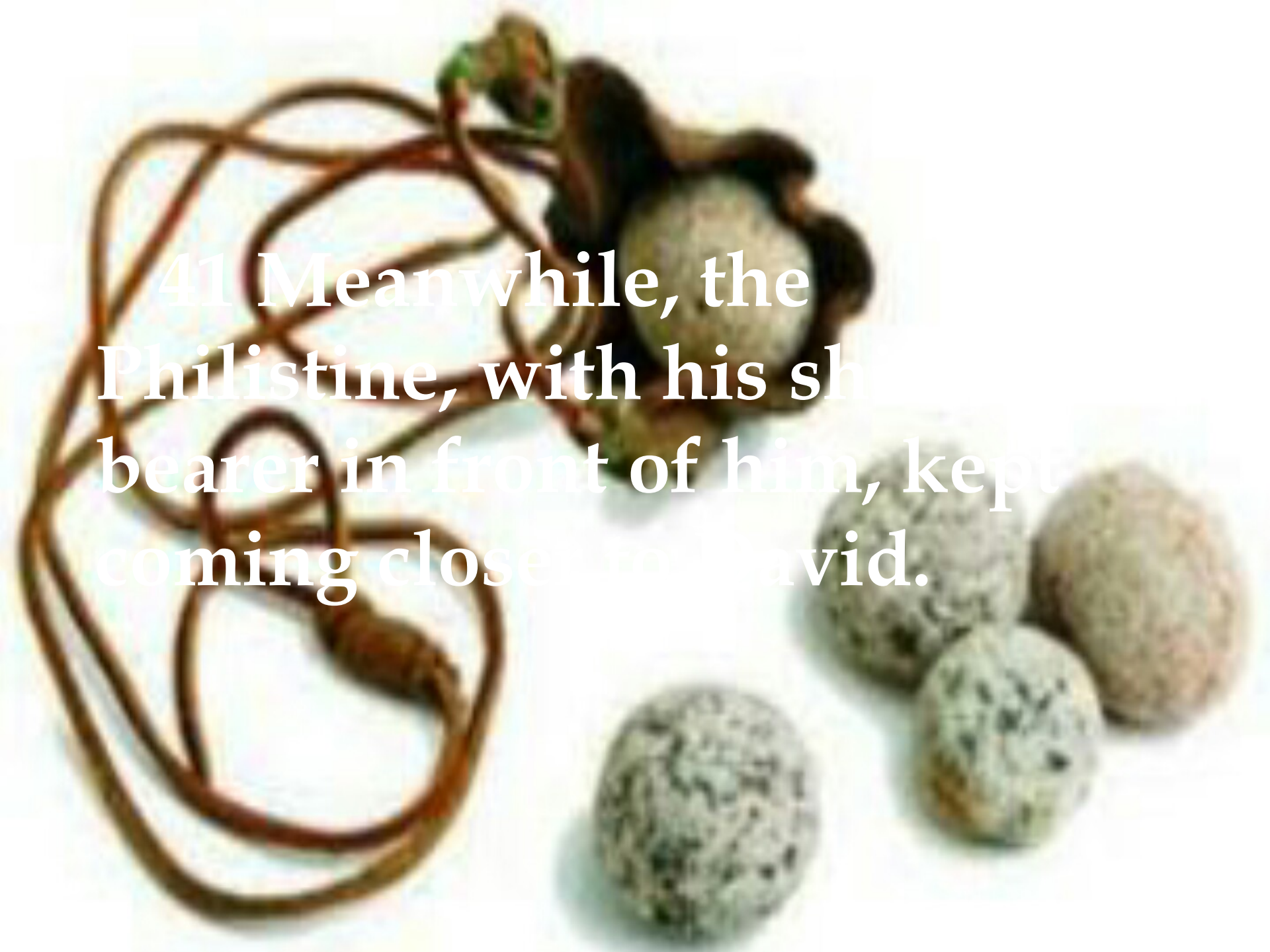
A coiled brown cord and several smooth, dark, rounded stones are visible in the background. The cord is tangled and loops around the stones. The stones are dark and have a smooth, polished appearance.

39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic as he was walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took

A coiled brown leather sling and five smooth, dark, rounded stones are displayed on a light blue background. The sling is made of a thick, dark brown leather cord, coiled into a loose, circular shape. It has a small, dark, irregularly shaped piece of leather or wood at one end, which would serve as the pouch for the stones. Five smooth, dark, rounded stones of varying shades of brown and black are scattered around the sling. The stones have a mottled, speckled texture, suggesting they are natural river stones or similar. The overall composition is simple and focuses on the objects used in the biblical story of David and Goliath.


40 Then he took his sling in
his hand, chose five smooth
stones from the stream, put
them in the pouch of his
shepherd's bag and, with his
sling in his hand, approached
the Philistine.

A coiled brown rope and several smooth, speckled stones on a white background. The rope is dark brown and tangled on the left side. To the right, there are five smooth, rounded stones of varying sizes, some with dark speckles and others with a more uniform light brown color. The background is plain white.

41 Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming close to David.

A coiled brown vine and several smooth, speckled stones on a white background. The vine is dark brown and tangled, with a small green leaf at the top. There are five smooth, rounded stones of various shades of grey and brown, some with dark speckles. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

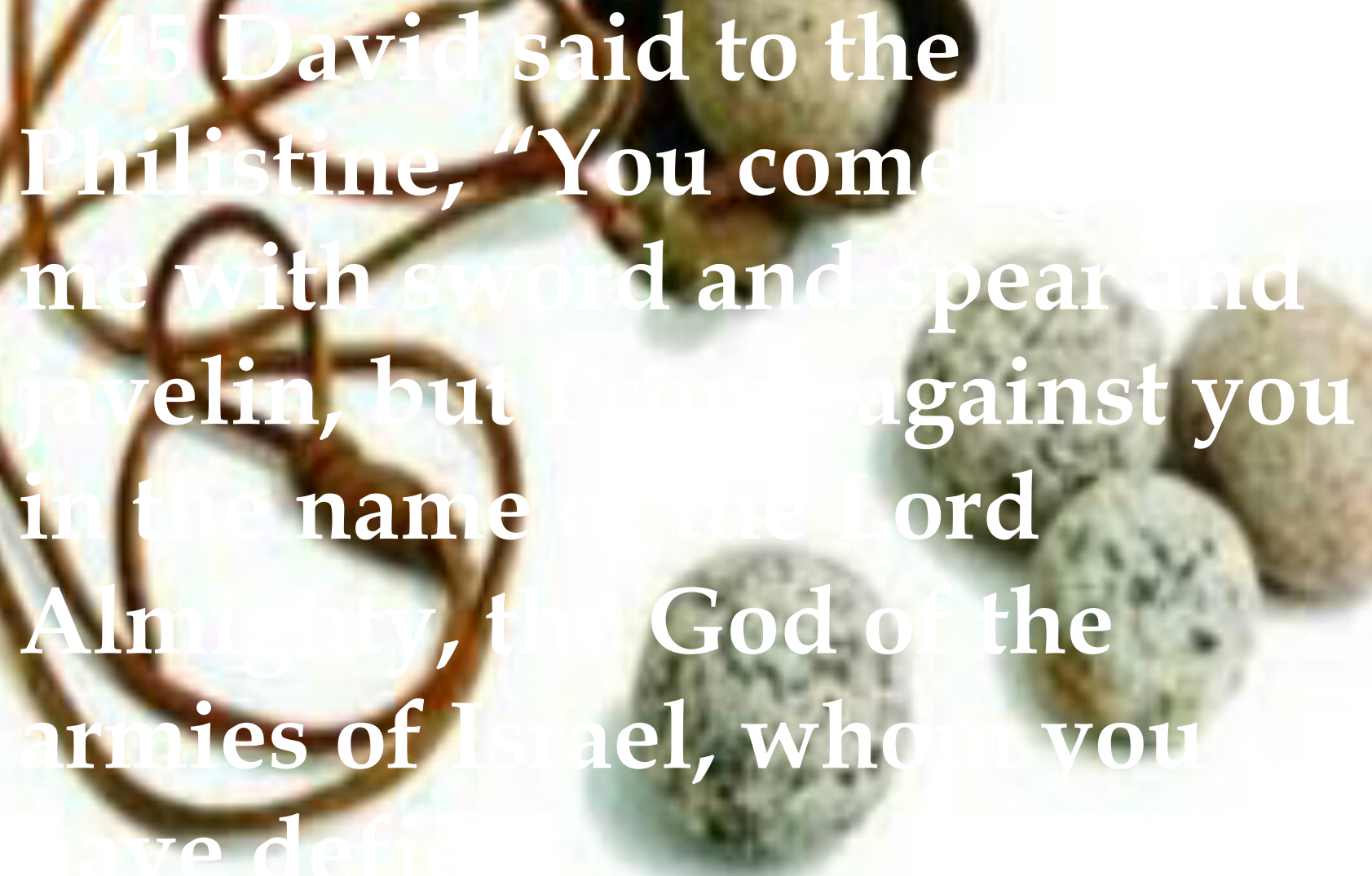
42 He looked David over and
saw that he was little
than a boy, glowing with
health and handsome, and he
despised him.

A coiled brown rope and several smooth, dark, speckled stones on a white background. The rope is thick and has a natural, slightly textured appearance. The stones are of various sizes, some showing distinct speckling patterns. The overall composition is simple and evocative, likely representing the tools of David mentioned in the text.

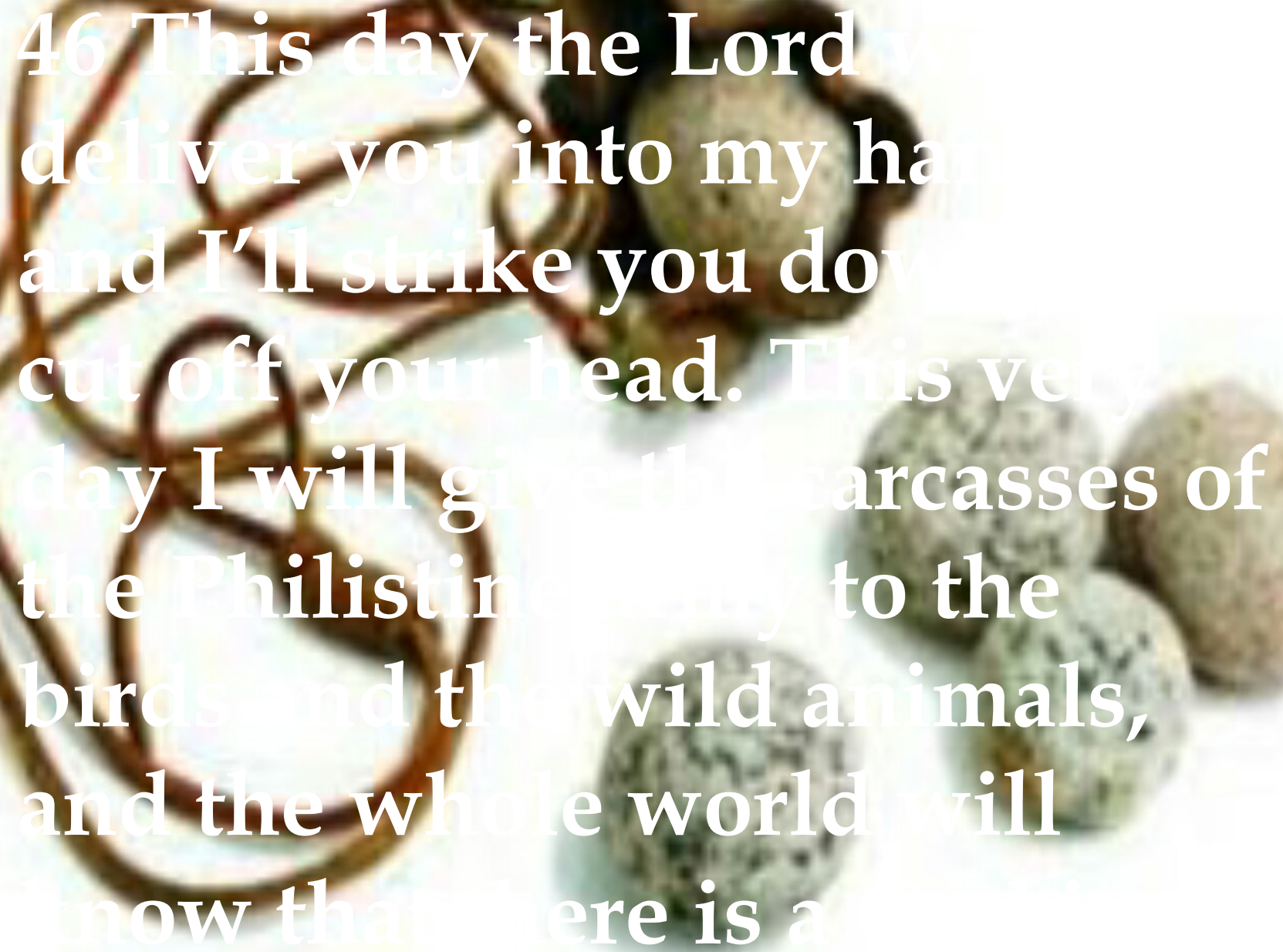
43 He said to David, “You are a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

A coiled brown cord and five speckled stones are arranged on a white background. The cord is a thick, dark brown rope, coiled into a loose, tangled shape on the left side of the image. To the right of the cord, there are five small, rounded, speckled stones. One stone is positioned near the top right, and four others are clustered together in the lower right quadrant. The stones have a mottled appearance with dark spots on a lighter, brownish-grey background.

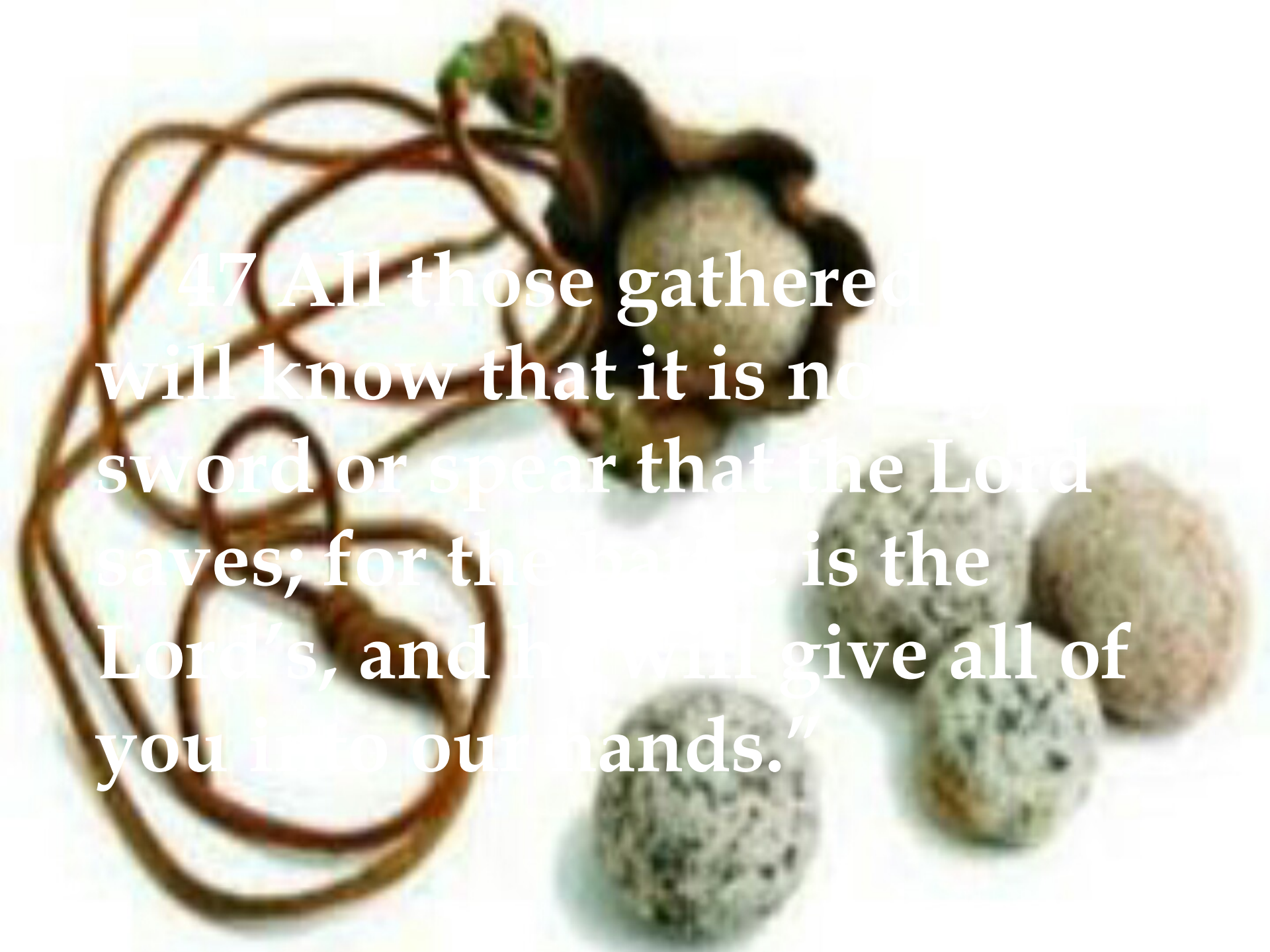
44 “Come here,” he said,
“and I’ll give your flesh
to the birds and the wild animals!”

A coiled brown vine and several smooth, dark, speckled stones on a light background.


45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."



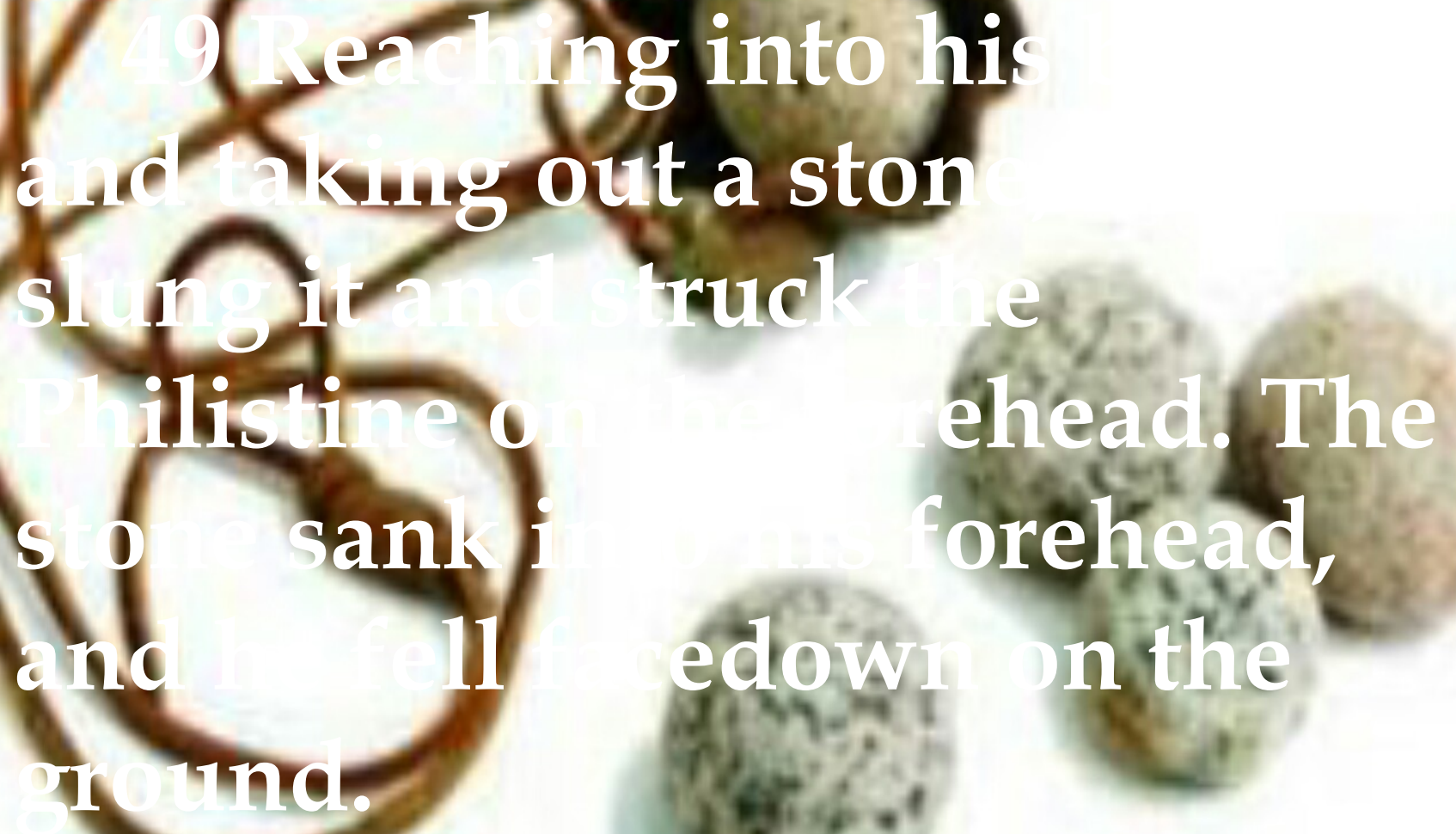
46 This day the Lord will
deliver you into my hands,
and I'll strike you down
and cut off your head. This very
day I will give the carcasses of
the Philistines as food to the
birds and the wild animals,
and the whole world will
know that there is a God.

A coiled brown rope and several dark, speckled stones are arranged on a white background. The rope is coiled in a loose, circular pattern on the left side of the image. To the right of the rope, there are four dark, speckled stones of varying sizes, some of which are partially obscured by the rope. The text is overlaid on the image, centered and written in a white, serif font.

47 All those gathered
will know that it is not
sword or spear that the Lord
saves; for the battle is the
Lord's, and he will give all of
you into our hands."

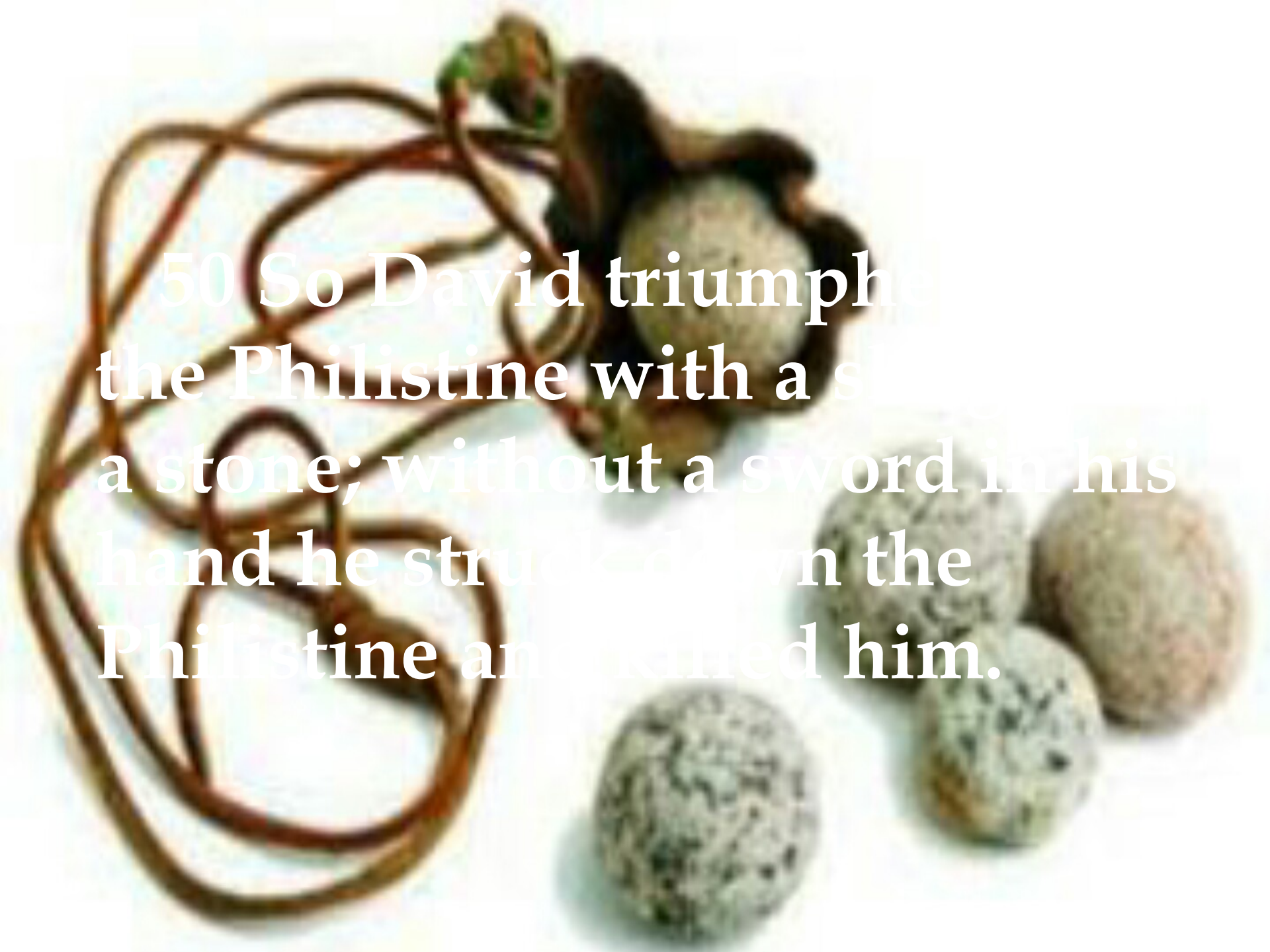
A coiled brown rope and several dark, speckled stones on a white background. The rope is thick and has a natural, slightly frayed texture. It is coiled in a loose, circular pattern on the left side of the image. To the right of the rope, there are five dark, speckled stones of various sizes. They appear to be smooth and have a mottled pattern of dark spots on a lighter background. The entire scene is set against a plain white background.

48 As the Philistine moved
closer to attack him, David
threw the stones quickly toward the battle line
to meet him.

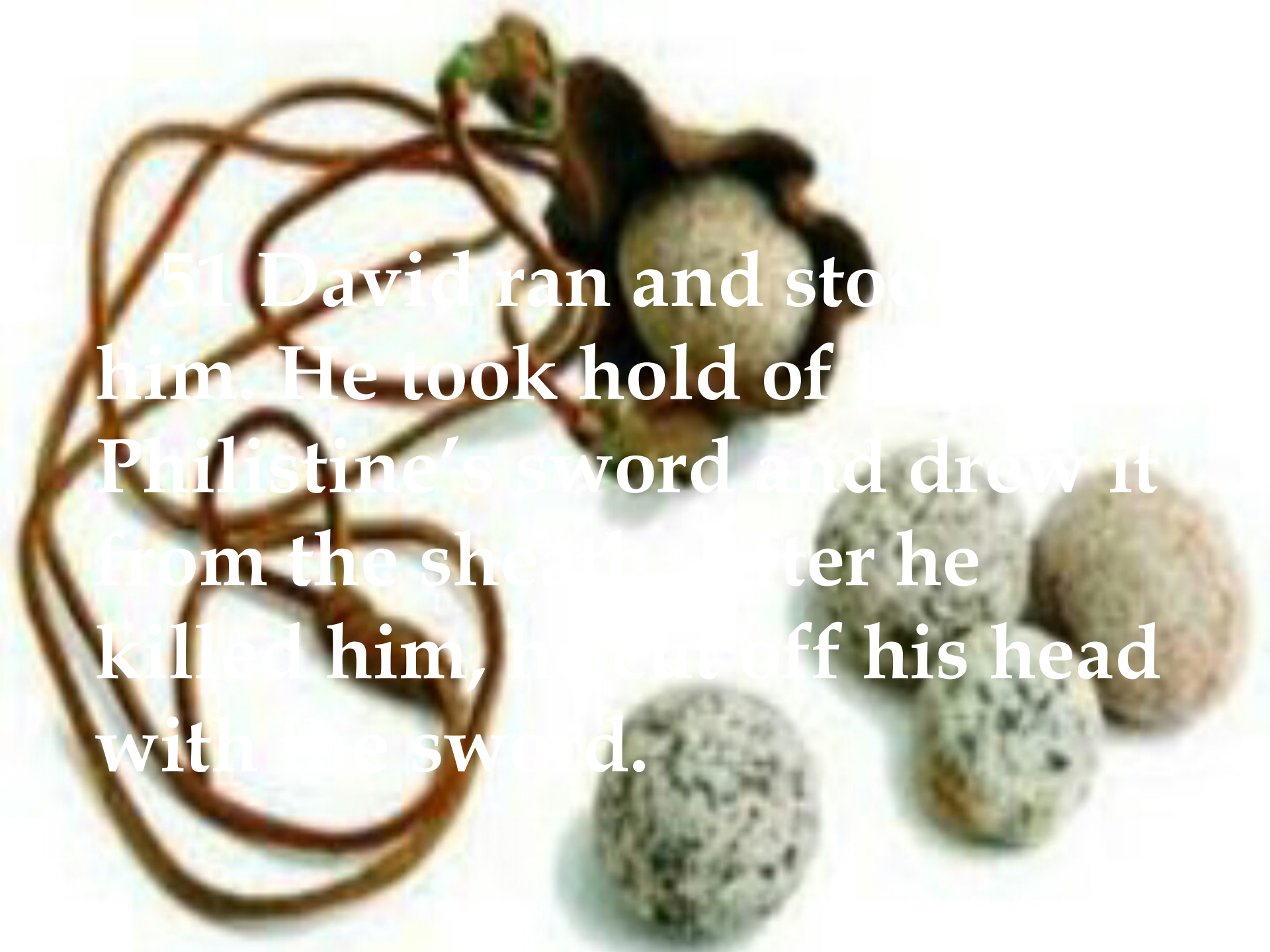
A coiled brown vine with a small green leaf is positioned in the upper left. Several smooth, greyish-brown stones are scattered in the lower right. The background is a light, textured surface.

49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.



A coiled brown rope and several smooth, dark, speckled stones on a white background. The rope is thick and has a natural, slightly textured appearance. The stones are of various sizes, ranging from about 2 to 4 cm in diameter, and have a dark, mottled pattern. They are scattered around the rope, with some resting on it and others on the white surface.

50 So David triumphed over
the Philistine with a sling and
a stone; without a sword in his
hand he struck down the
Philistine and killed him.

A coiled brown cord and several dark, speckled stones on a white background. The cord is thick and knotted, with a small green tag at one end. The stones are smooth, dark grey or black, and speckled with lighter spots. They are arranged in a cluster on the right side of the image.

51 David ran and stood up against him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.



Pastor Jack
told the group
that David threw
his trust in God
at Goliath and
was victorious!

Seinweber.

Pastor Jack asks
the group what
are you
throwing



At your
GIANTS

One
young
man
answered
that he
had been
throwing
beer cans
at them
his whole
life!



When ever I
am facing
problems that
sermon has
been a
reminder to
trust Jesus.

Recently a song
has come out
that really



The next life
changing
sermon is
from a inmate
with 24 years
of
incarceration
behind him





**A young man
asked if he
could do a
church service
and we said
sure ! You can
teach next
week.**



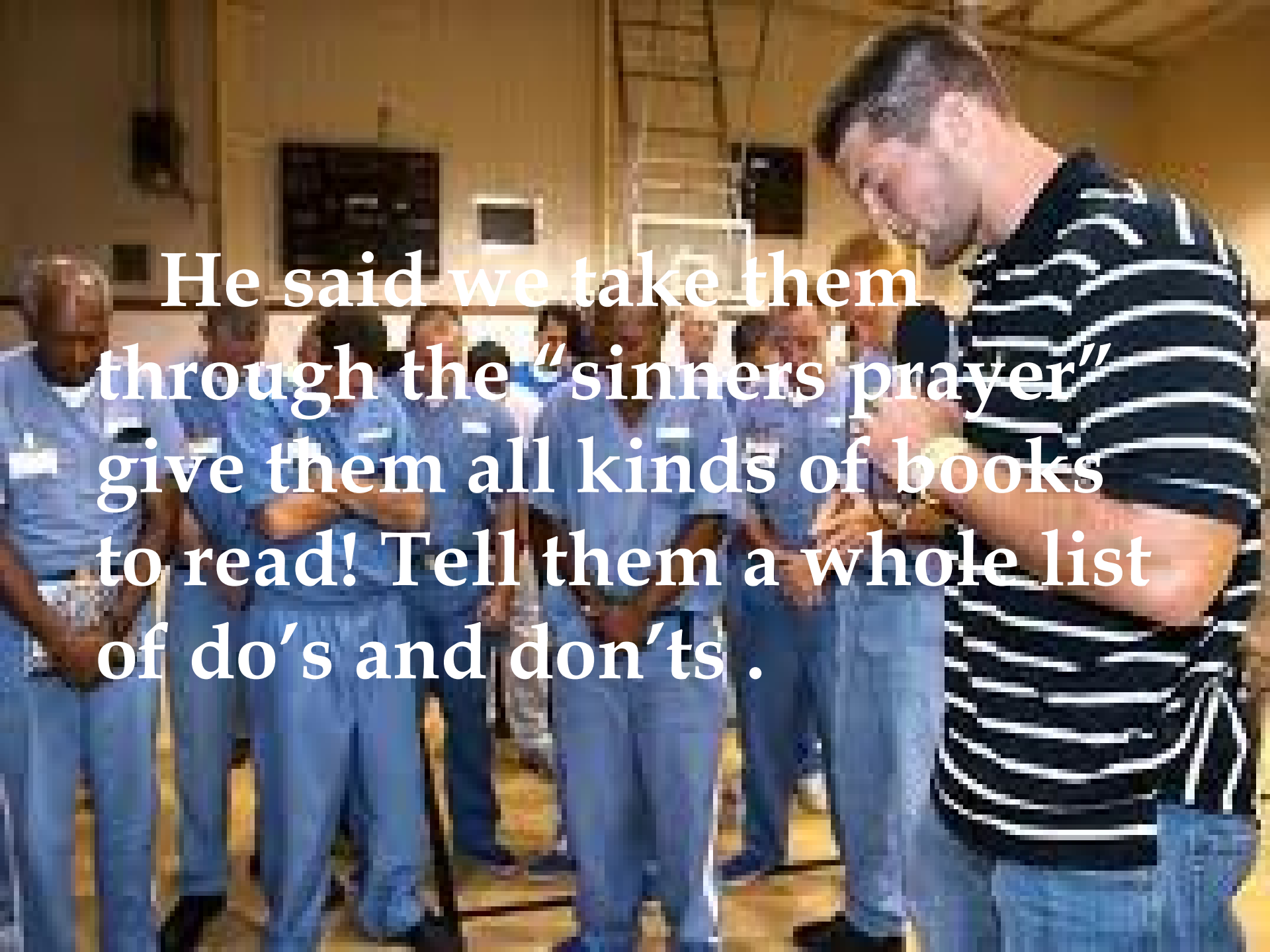
The subject of his bible study was about Christians going into the jails and prisons and sharing Gods word.



He said that most Christians
do not know how to mentor
new believers!!!!

WOW

I WAS BLOWN AWAY



He said we take them
through the “sinners prayer”
give them all kinds of books
to read! Tell them a whole list
of do’s and don’ts .



He said that's not true mentoring!!! And that's why so many new believers stumble.

What is the missing piece?



My command is this:
Love each other as I
have loved you.

John 15:12

A vibrant, multi-colored rainbow arches across a bright blue sky filled with fluffy white clouds. The rainbow's colors are vivid, transitioning from red at the top to purple at the bottom. The clouds are soft and white, scattered across the sky. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

True mentoring is
to LOVE one
another

