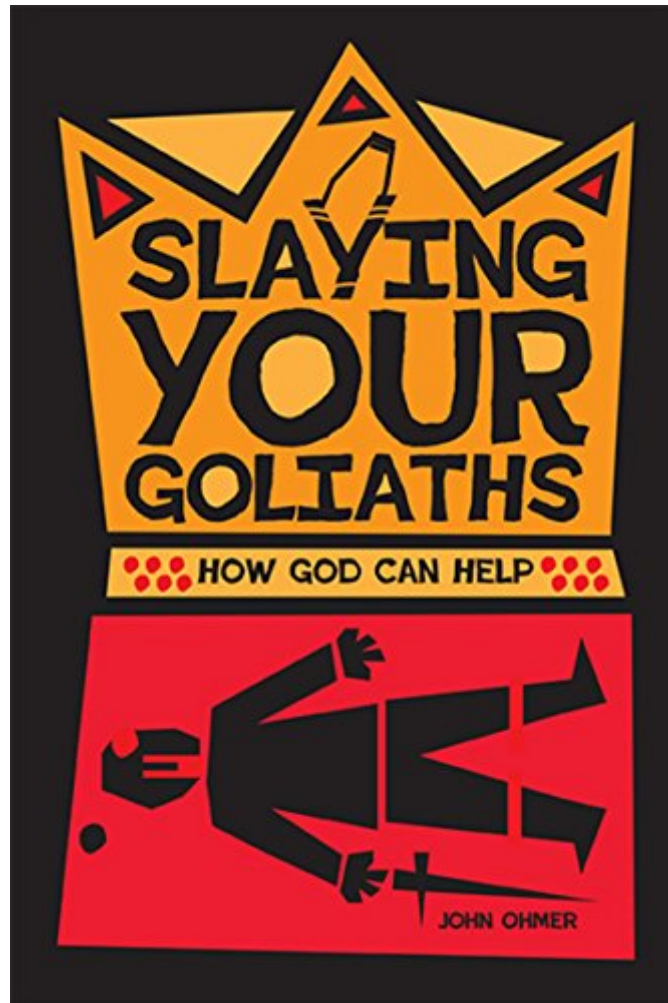


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# Slaying Your Goliaths: How God Can Help



## Synopsis

How can God help you, like David, to overcome seemingly impossible odds? The David and Goliath story offers us spiritual guidance on how to overcome obstacles. Rather than offering "self-help," the story offers "God-help," rooted in its history as a story told by people of faith to people of faith. The ancient story of David and Goliath speaks to modern people facing modern problems, offering spiritual guidance and reassurance that God is with us always, even and especially when we face and slay our giants.

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## Customer Reviews

Making God and the Bible feel "real" and applicable is not easy, but John Ohmer delivers in this "how-to" book -- HOW TO look at the David and Goliath story as a HOW TO walk through life with God and rely on His help in dealing with struggles that seem impossible. "Bible study" can seem intimidating, but this book seems more like an invitation to ponder God's role in my life, and embrace His presence as a promise. I could say it's an "easy read" because it does not tangle me in

religious rhetoric, but it is so thought provoking it seems a disservice to call it "easy." I look forward to reading it again just to reconsider its ideas.

All of us face challenges at various times in our lives, and some of these appear at the time to more than we can handle. The book's author, John Ohmer, uses a well-known Old Testament story – that of David and Goliath – to show us how we can not only cope but triumph. To my chagrin I have tended to see such Old Testament accounts as just stories of a people thousands of years ago but after reading this book I now see how they are still very relevant and can help us cope with the many pressures of modern life. In a spirit of full disclosure I should advise that I am a member of the author's parish. As such I get to hear the author on a regular basis. He is truly gifted and I always come away uplifted and thinking about what I have heard.

In "Slaying Your Goliaths" John Ohmer describes how understanding the iconic biblical story of David and Goliath can help us address the seemingly-impossible challenges we face in our lives. John also relates the story to his own experiences as he works to grow his church in Falls Church. I found the book's messages, such as "Don't tell God how big your problems are. Tell your problems how big your God is." and "Reject Saul's armor, then pick your five smooth stones." to be both relevant and enormously helpful in my own daily life. This book is an absolute "must read" for all who seek the assurance that we can indeed slay our Goliaths with the confidence that God is with us every step of the way.

Amazing book, helping one to see a better way to face life's problems. Realizing David and Goliath is not a children's bible story for Sunday school but a way to go through life. Entend to 're-read this and give a copy to my fellow co-workers and a teenager I know this could help.

Very interesting Biblical insight worked into an understanding of how one perceives the world and one's place in it. The facets of perspective dwell around one set of events and yet shine understanding on so many parts of the individual life. A couple of rough transitions prevent me from giving my highest accolade; however, I hope to see more from this author.

I found SLAYING YOUR GOLIATHS richly rewarding, intellectually and spiritually. This book is a gem that beautifully blends biblical commentary, theology, spiritual direction, the recent history of the author's congregation, and an insightful reflective chronicle of some of the ways the author lives

out and lives into his work, ministry, and pilgrimage as priest, pastor, and church administrator.

This is Biblical commentary at its best: an original and relevant take on the David-and-Goliath story that is ultimately a bold statement on faith itself in the 21st century. Ohmer weaves richly detailed examinations of this drama - his interpretation of Saul's armor is especially masterful - with down-to-earth life issues in a way that reminds us why we still need quality clerics today. Bonus: Ohmer's writing style is smart and engaging, reminiscent of James Martin.

I used this book for a "Silent Retreat" this past weekend. It was perfect for examining where I am in life both spiritually and in other ways. The questions after each section supported that self-reflection and helped to identify ways to face challenges and overcome them.

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