

David was a awesome warrior, but as he got older and got into closer scrapes, his army stopped him from going into battle. They were afraid that he would get hurt or killed. Then David's men swore to him, saying, "Never again will you go out with us to battle, so that the lamp of Israel will not be extinguished. (2 Samuel 21:17)"

When it was time for Jesus to go to Jerusalem, his disciples also tried to stop Jesus from going because they were afraid that He would be killed. In John 11:8 we read, "'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?' Jesus went anyway, and died to save us all.

It is interesting to note that David's army fought for him, and won the battle without him. But Jesus' disciples had no power to do the same for Him. Only Christ could win the victory over Satan and death.

It is that victory that we celebrate in this communion.