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**This story is the story.**

You and I have a champion who has fought on our behalf as well.

King Jesus takes on Goliaths that we stand no chance against,  
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