

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**1 John 4:4 (NKJV)** You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

#### **Practical Application**

- Do not let criticism talk you out of obedience.
- Do not let unbelief from others become unbelief in you.
- Keep your identity rooted in what God says, not what people say.
- Spend time with God until His voice is louder than every other voice.

**“If you do not know who you are in God,  
every voice around you will try to name you, limit you, and silence you.”**

## **2. David saw covenant where others saw only a crisis**

**1 Samuel 17:24 (NKJV)** And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.

**1 Samuel 17:26 (NKJV)** Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, “What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

**1 Samuel 17:36 (NKJV)** Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.

**Ephesians 1:17 (NKJV)** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

**Ephesians 1:18 (NKJV)** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

**Ephesians 1:19 (NKJV)** and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

**John 17:21 (NKJV)** that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

**Colossians 2:9–10 (NKJV)** For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

**Romans 8:37 (NKJV)** Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

**“The giant looked too big to Israel because they saw him compared to themselves.  
David saw him compared to God.”**

## **3. David answered intimidation with covenant speech**

**1 Samuel 17:43 (NKJV)** So the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

**1 Samuel 17:44 (NKJV)** And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”

**1 Samuel 17:45 (NKJV)** Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

**1 Samuel 17:46 (NKJV)** This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

**1 Samuel 17:47 (NKJV)** Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give you into our hands.”

**David did not let Goliath’s words go unanswered.  
He did not echo the threat. He answered it.**

**Mark 11:23 (NKJV)** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

**2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV)** And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak,

**John 14:13 (NKJV)** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

**Luke 10:19 (NKJV)** Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**John 16:13 (NKJV)** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

**David’s response came from his confidence in the living God.**

**“If you keep repeating the giant’s words, fear will fill your heart.  
But when you answer with God’s Word, faith rises in your spirit.”**

## 4. David acted on what he believed, and God honored faith in motion

**1 Samuel 17:40 (NKJV)** Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.

**1 Samuel 17:48 (NKJV)** So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

**1 Samuel 17:50 (NKJV)** So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David.

**David did not stop with believing and speaking. He acted.  
He drew near. He ran forward. He used what he had. He moved in faith.**

**Faith is never merely internal. True faith acts on what it believes.**

**David believed God would honor faith, but he still had to step onto the battlefield.**

**James 2:17 (NKJV)** Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

**Philippians 2:13 (NKJV)** for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

**Romans 8:11 (NKJV)** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

**Romans 8:37 (NKJV)** Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**Redemption was not designed merely to get us to heaven someday.  
It was designed to equip us to overcome the enemy in this life as we walk with God.**

### Practical Application

- Take the step of obedience God has already shown you.
- Do not wait until fear disappears to move.
- Use what God has already placed in your hand.
- Trust the Holy Spirit to empower your obedience.

**"God honors faith in motion. David did not win because he talked about victory.  
He won because he believed, spoke, and moved."**



## Is There Not a Cause?

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

**Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Luke 7:28 (NKJV)** For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John

**1 Samuel 17:22 (NKJV)** And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers.

**1 Samuel 17:23 (NKJV)** Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them.

**1 Samuel 17:24 (NKJV)** And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.

**1 Samuel 17:25 (NKJV)** So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel."

**1 Samuel 17:26 (NKJV)** Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

**David understood something the rest of Israel had forgotten: when you know your God and know your covenant, you do not respond to giants the same way as everyone else.**

## 1. David refused to let the wrong voices shape his identity

**1 Samuel 17:28 (NKJV)** Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."

**1 Samuel 17:29 (NKJV)** And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?"

**1 Samuel 17:33 (NKJV)** And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

**Many believers lose before the real battle ever starts because they let the wrong voices talk them out of what God put in them.**

**John 10:27 (NKJV)** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

**Romans 8:14 (NKJV)** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.