

CRISIS OF BELIEF
1 Samuel 17

❖ The Truth of Today:

- A crisis of belief will REVEAL what you BELIEVE about God.

❖ To Get Past Your Crisis of Belief:

1. You must have FAITH.

"For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

1 Samuel 17:26b (NLT)

Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. And Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."

1 Samuel 17:28 (NLT)

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

"Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"³³ "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."

1 Samuel 17:32-33 (NLT)

"The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!"

1 Samuel 17:37 (NLT)

2. You must know TRUTH.

Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the Lord be with you!"³⁸ Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail.³⁹ David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. "I can't go in these," he protested to Saul. "I'm not used to them." So David took them off again.

1 Samuel 17:37b-39 (NLT)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 (NLT)

"... the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

John 14:17 (NLT)

"Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!"

1 Samuel 17:46 (NLT)

3. You must know God will get the GLORY.

"Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! ⁴⁷And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord's battle, and he will give you to us!"

1 Samuel 17:46-47 (NLT)