

**Bigger. Better. Stronger.  
Am I Confident Enough?**

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**Matthew 13:31-32** (NLT)

**Confidence Killers:**

I. \_\_\_\_\_.  
But when David’s oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. “What are you doing around here anyway?” he demanded. **1 Samuel 17:28a-b** (NLT)

II. \_\_\_\_\_.  
“What about those few sheep you’re supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!” **1 Samuel 17:28c-d** (NLT)

III. \_\_\_\_\_.  
“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 17:33** (NLT)

**Confidence Builders:**

I. **Keep Some** \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!” **1 Samuel 17:37a** (NLT)

II. **Dress** \_\_\_\_\_.  
**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 17:38-39** (NLT)

III. **Talk** \_\_\_\_\_.  
**45** David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. **46** 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 17:45-46** (NLT)

**Additional Notes:**

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**I. People.**

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**II. Hurts.**

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**III. Circumstances.**

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