

BELIEVING WELL

The battle is not ours to fight. It belongs to the Lord.

Victory doesn't come because we fought well, but because we believed well.

David, an unlikely hero:

- . No sword, no armour, no experience
- . Only a sling, five smooth stones, and a heart full of faith

We all face giants:

- . Battles that look impossible
- . Moments we feel unqualified

David didn't win by fighting well. He won by **believing well.**

When We Trust in Ourselves, Fear Takes Over

“Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.”

1 Samuel 17:11, 24

What fear does:

- . Distorts reality
- . Magnifies the threat
- . Diminishes confidence

- . Convinces us we're alone
- . Clouds our view of God

Modern “Goliaths”:

- . Anxiety
- . Medical diagnosis
- . Financial stress
- . Broken relationships
- . Deferred dreams

When we have a shift in perspective:

- . We remember who fights for us.
“You will not need to fight in this battle...”
2 Chronicles 20:17
- . We remember that our weakness is the very place where His strength is made perfect.
“My grace is sufficient... My power is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

David Drew Confidence from God’s Proven Faithfulness

“The Lord who rescued me...” 1 Samuel 17:37

Spiritual weapon: REMEMBRANCE

Forgetfulness leads to panic.

Remembrance awakens faith.

What lion or bear has God delivered you from?

Which stone of remembrance still speaks today?

David Fought Differently **Because He Believed Differently**

“I come to you in the name of the Lord...” 1 Samuel 17:45

“This is the Lord’s battle...” 1 Samuel 17:47

Real faith:

- Speaks before the stone is thrown
- Acts before the outcome is clear
- Trusts when fear screams loudest
- Stands firm while others tremble

“We live by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31

“The Lord will fight for you; you need only be still.”

Exodus 14:14

Jesus: Our Ultimate Example of Believing Well

David wasn’t the hero. **God was.**

Our confidence is not in what we hold, but *who* holds us.

“It is written...” Matthew 4:4

“Not My will, but Yours be done.” Luke 22:42

“For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross...”

Hebrews 12:2

Jesus:

- Faced temptation with the Word

- Surrendered to the Father's will
- Believed God's plan to the end
- Won not by might, but **by faith**

What Does This Mean for Us?

Your Goliath could be:

- Anxious thoughts
- Illness
- Financial strain
- A relationship falling apart

But your greatest weapon is **faith**.

You don't have to fight harder, just believe deeper.

How Do We Believe Well?

1. Start with the Word.

"Your word is a lamp..." Psalm 119:105

2. Start your day with surrender and prayer.

"Submit to Him..." Proverbs 3:6

3. Speak God's Word over your situation.

"The Lord is my strength..." Psalm 28:7

"The Lord will fight for you... be still..." Exodus 14:14

4. Remember God's faithfulness.

5. Choose community over isolation.

"Carry each other's burdens..." Galatians 6:2

6. Pray differently.

“In every situation, present your requests...”

Philippians 4:6–7

7. End Each Day with Reflection.

What’s Your Goliath?

What’s standing in front of you shouting defeat?
What’s stealing your peace?

Declare truth before the stone is thrown.

Take the next step before the way is clear.

Believe well, even when you feel weak.

“Be strong and courageous... For the Lord your God is with you.” Joshua 1:9

Believing well is not about never feeling weak.
It’s about staying rooted in God’s truth,
surrendered to His will, and *confident* in His
presence.

Start with the Word. Stay in surrender.
Walk in faith.

And when you face your Goliath, you won’t stand alone. **You’ll stand with the God who fights your battles.**