

# A Warriors Guide to Life's Battles

Engage  
1 Samuel 17

**Key Verses : 1 Samuel 17 : 8 - 11 + 16 & 41 - 51**

The simple truth is that Davids destiny was unleashed because he was the only one who actually **engaged** the enemy. It seems very obvious when you say it - but we don't realize that when facing challenges we often avoid them rather than facing them.

As we begin this series the first key we learn from David is that to successfully handle life's challenges we must face them head on!

**Q : By nature, do you tend to face challenges head on or do you tend to avoid, procrastinate, or downplay them?**

**Q : Can you identify at least one Goliath in your life at the moment? How do you make sure you are correctly identifying the core issue [often a spiritual issue or attitude] rather than the surface issue [a person or material issue]?**

## **Breaking it down.**

A. David had a \_\_\_\_\_. [1 Samuel 17 : 32 - 33]

**Q : Why do people, as they go through middle age, become less optimistic or willing to "go for it"?**

**Q : How do faith and hope help counter this trend ?**

B. David had a \_\_\_\_\_. [1 Samuel 17 : 26 - 27 & 45 - 47]

When it comes to vision there are two potential dangers.

1. Not having a strong, challenging, vision in front of you.

**Q : How strong is the vision for different areas in your life at the moment? What would you need to do to clarify it or make it more invigorating?**

2. Spending your life pursuing a vision that is purely sourced in the soul realm.

**Q : How do we discern between a vision of the spirit and a vision of the soul?**

C. David oozed with \_\_\_\_\_. [1 Samuel 17 : 34 - 37]

1. The primary source of Davids confidence \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q : How do you personally know [become fully convinced] that God has heard your prayer and is working to bring it about?**

2. The secondary source of Davids confidence \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q : What were some of the best "God inspired" plans/decisions you ever made?**