

(1 Samuel 17:45-47) David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel—you have defied him. <sup>46</sup> Today, the Lord will hand you over to me. Today, I'll strike you down, remove your head, and give the corpses of the Philistine camp to the birds of the sky and the wild creatures of the earth. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God, <sup>47</sup> and this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the Lord saves, for the battle is the Lord's. He will hand you over to us."

- **Reliance means ignoring your eyes**

(1 Samuel 24:1-7) When Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the wilderness near En-gedi." <sup>2</sup> So Saul took three thousand of Israel's fit young men and went to look for David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. <sup>3</sup> When Saul came to the sheep pens along the road, a cave was there, and he went in to relieve himself. David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave, <sup>4</sup> so they said to him, "Look, this is the day the Lord told you about: 'I will hand your enemy over to you so you can do to him whatever you desire.'" Then David got up and secretly cut off the corner of Saul's robe. <sup>5</sup> Afterward, David's conscience bothered him because he had cut off the corner of Saul's robe. <sup>6</sup> He said to his men, "As the Lord is my witness, I would never do such a thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed. I will never lift my hand against him, since he is the Lord's anointed." <sup>7</sup> With these words David persuaded his men, and he did not let them rise up against Saul.

- **Reliance means choosing faithfulness to God over success**
- **The most dangerous thing to a spiritually healthy person is complacency**
- **God wants to move in the midst of reliant people**