

MY FAITH MATTERS!
My Life. I'm in Control. – Part 6
1 Samuel 17:1-52 (NIV)
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“Because of your faith it WILL happen.” Matthew 9:29 (TLB)

I. WHAT IS FAITH? *It's not PRETENDING*

- Faith is having a positive attitude in a negative situation.
- Faith is expecting the best.
- Faith is expecting to win. Even when you are down by double digits.

Two Life Ideologies. (The way you think)

(Job said) “*For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me.*”
Job 3:25 (ESV)

(Paul said) ...*I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.* 2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)

II. AN EXAMPLE OF THE POWER OF TAKING CONTROL. (Faith!)

1 Samuel 17:1-52 (David & Goliath)

v. 11. “*On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and were terrified.*”

v. 32. “*David said to Saul, ‘Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine. Your servant will go and fight him.’*”

v. 37. “*The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of the Philistine.*” (He had history with God!)

1. Expecting to Win **Honors God.** vs. 46- 47

2. Expecting to Win **Increases Your Ability.** vs. 48- 49

3. Expecting to Win **Encourages Other People.** vs. 51- 52

III. HOW TO TAKE CONTROL OF MY FAITH?

1. BE REAL.

"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." Psalm 5:3 (NIV)

2. BE RIGHTEOUS. (Not Perfect!) (Gracious!)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths,..." Ephesians 4:29a (NIV)

3. BE RELEVANT.

"...but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs,..."
Ephesians 4:29b (NIV)

Two phrases, you should eliminate from your vocabulary as much as possible.

(1) "I can't do it..." (2) "What if I fail..."

- ❖ In this life you tend to get what you expect to get. Change the way you think and talk, and you will be blessed!