

## Friendly Fire Follow-Up

*You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.  
With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.*

*Psalms 18:28-29*

I hope you left our retreat feeling renewed and refreshed and rejuvenated in your faith... as well as feeling better prepared to love and handle people who might present a difficulty.

I thought I'd use this opportunity to share one more set of thoughts that will hopefully encourage you in all your relationships. This one comes from the book "When to Speak Up (and When Not To); Godly Principles for Conversations you Won't Regret."

Consider the life of David. Read 1 Samuel 17

"Let's look at how David prepared for that day and his godly method of confronting the Israelites."

1. David's personal experiences prepared him to be in the midst of battle.
2. David desired to be a servant
3. David asked questions to get the "big picture."
4. David fought the problem (Goliath), not the people.

Is there a balance between silence and speaking up?

Are there times you have followed the pattern of young David?

What is the most difficult part about confronting family or loved ones?

Do you have a strategy or approach to help overcome this barrier?

Sedler, Dr. Michael D. "When to Speak Up (and When Not To); Godly Principles for Conversations you Won't Regret." Chosen Books. Grand Rapids, MI. 2003.

Valerie@pwrenewal.org