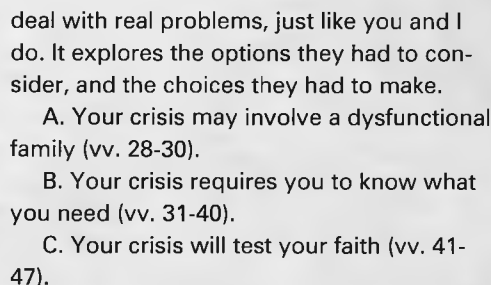


This structure gives a form listeners can follow.



Tell how God helped the individual cope with or solve the conflict.

A. Your crisis may vindicate God's people (vv. 48-57).

Review the key elements and explain how these can help the audience in their specific life situations—starting today.

So what? Being a person after God's heart means living with passion for His reputation.

Now what? Be ready, you never know when God will say, "Here's a rock, go kill a giant!"

—DB

- What? (a short review of the passage)
- So what? (the reason the passage is important)
- Now what? (making the passage applicable).

Here are the four dramatic elements and how I used them in crafting one particular sermon:

Title: How to Face Giants

Text: 1 Samuel 17:1-54

Theme: How do you handle a personal crisis?

Hook the audience's interest. Answer the question: "What in this text could possibly address issues I'm facing today?"

A. Everyone faces crises, and yours may be larger than life (vv.1-7).

B. Your crisis may exceed your resources (vv. 8-11).

C. Your crisis may not go away (vv. 12-27).

Here you reveal the tension—usually, a dilemma that we can all relate to. In a sermon, it shows that Bible characters had to

