

David - From Shepherd to King
Text: 1 Samuel 17:12-15, 26, 32-37
Theme: Champions for Christ confront evil.



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12 Now David was the son of a man named Jesse, an Ephrathite from Bethlehem in the land of Judah. Jesse was an old man at that time, and he had eight sons. 13 Jesse's three oldest sons—Eliab, Abinadab, and Shimea—had already joined Saul's army to fight the Philistines. 14 David was the youngest son. David's three oldest brothers stayed with Saul's army, 15 but David went back and forth so he could **help** his father tend the sheep in Bethlehem. _____

26 David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to **defy** the armies of the living God?"

32 "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" 33 "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."

34 But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, 35 I go after it with a club and

rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. 36 I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine,

too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! 37 The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the Lord be with you!"

KEY C4C (CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST) TAKEAWAYS

1. **C4C value others by helping when they can.**
2. **C4C get stirred up when someone defies God.**
3. **C4C trust that God will deliver them when they stand up in faith.**

Key Words and Concepts

1
HELP
 To come alongside, to lend assistance to, to offer aid

2
DEFY
 To reproach, taunt, blaspheme, talk bad about

3
RESCUE
 To take away, to snatch away, to recover, to deliver from an enemy