



**The Courage to Fight: 1 Samuel 16:1 – 17:58**

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**David's Job Descriptions:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ bearer, Food \_\_\_\_\_ Boy, \_\_\_\_\_ Messenger, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**The courage to fight is first a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ experience is an opportunity for spiritual growth.
- When you think nothing "big" is happening in your life, God is still \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 16)
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ what God gives you to do His work.

**How do I develop the courage to fight during the tough times?**

1. **Capture the \_\_\_\_\_ story. (17:25)**
2. **Recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ implications. (17:26-27)**
3. **\_\_\_\_\_ all Discouragement. (17:28-37)**
  - Eliab:
    - This is not your \_\_\_\_\_...you don't belong here.
    - This is not your \_\_\_\_\_...you're full of pride.
  - King Saul:
    - You can't \_\_\_\_\_ this battle.
    - You're too young, weak and \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Your enemy is an \_\_\_\_\_.
4. **Remember God's \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - Don't forget \_\_\_\_\_ work in your life.
  - Your spiritual maturity is \_\_\_\_\_.

- God prepares you \_\_\_\_\_ for what's ahead tomorrow.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **for Battle.**
- Put on your \_\_\_\_\_ armor...every single part.
  - In Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual resources are readily available.
  - Use your gifts and tools as \_\_\_\_\_.

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:10-18)*

6. **Stand firm and advance by \_\_\_\_\_.**
- Stand in the \_\_\_\_\_ and let God's \_\_\_\_\_ direct your next steps.
  - Give God the credit for your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Your courage will move others to \_\_\_\_\_.

*What area(s) of my life is God leading me to exercise courage and fight?*

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*Spiritually speaking, what's my next step?* \_\_\_\_\_

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