



# The LIFE of DAVID

Sunday, March 16, 2025

**TITLE:** The Warrior

**TEXT:** 1 Samuel 17

## ACT 2: WARRIOR

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### #1. STAY PREPARED (1 Samuel 17:40)

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- **1 Corinthians 16:13** – Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.
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- **Ephesians 6:12** – For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

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## GOING DEEPER | Study & Discussion Questions

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