

## "CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING"

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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**TEXT: 1 SAMUEL 17:31-51** 

TITLE: MEN OF VALOR: BEING THE MAN GOD CREATED ME TO BE

	ODUCTION  Dad, "Be your own man"
В.	Some have felt that they needed to do what someone else was doing or be who someone else was being in order to be successful. Why?
C.	However, is this the formula for success?
D.	Success is being he man God created you to be – Being a Man of Valor
	David saw Goliath, a Philistine champion  1. 9 feet, 9 inches tall  2. He wore a bronze helmet, and a bronze coat of mail weighing 125 pounds  3. He wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder  4. The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, with an iron spearhead weighing 17 lbs
B.	David heard Goliath
C.	David continued asking questions until they told Saul and Saul sent for David. "I will go and fight him"
D.	Doing something begins by asking questions
E.	Men of Valor asks questions then do
	D TESTIFIED ON WHAT GOD HAD PREVIOUSLY DONE Saul told David that he was not ready
B.	David was not the man Saul though he should be, however, he was the man God created him to be
C.	David testified on what God had previously done  1. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down 2. If it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it 3. I have killed both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them 4. The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from him
D.	You may not be the man that others think you should be, however, you are the man God created you to be
E.	What is your testimony of what God has previously done?
F.	Men of Valor stand on their testimonies
	D ACTED ON WHAT GOD HAD PREVIOUSLY DONE Saul felt that David needed to use what Saul would have used (his armor, his bronze helmet, his coat of mail, his sword) to be successful in battling against Goliath
В.	David realized that being the man God created him to be meant refusing to be like, act like, do like Saul, and be who God created him to be and trust God to support him in his battles
C.	David took his staff, five smooth stones and his sling, and went to fight Goliath
D.	Being the man God created you to be means refusing to be like, act like, do like others, and be who God created you to be and trust God to support you in your battles
E.	Men of Valor act on what God has previously done