

**Be a Hero or Be a Zero**  
**God's Football Team – Offense**  
**Discover Church**  
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*“Preach the word; **be prepared in season and out of season**; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” 2 Timothy 4:2*

**HOW TO BE A HERO**

1. Heroes don't start off as **Heroes**

2. Heroes see the **Reward**

*“The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel.” 1 Samuel 17:25*

3. Heroes only **listen** to the **Coach**

*“When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.” 1 Samuel 17:28*

*“He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> “Come here,” he said, “and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!” <sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.” 1 Samuel 17:43-46*

4. Heroes are eager to **win**

*“David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.” 1 Samuel 17:48*

*“He took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.” 1 Samuel 17:40*

5. Heroes rise to the **Challenge**

- He had a passion for God to be honored
- He had a desire for the reward

*“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.” Luke 6:23*

- He was eager to win
  - He had confidence in God and in his abilities
6. Heroes know what **victory** looks like and **lead others** to victory

*“Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup> The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” 1 Samuel 17:36-37*

7. Heroes play the game with their **own skills**

*“Then **he** took **his** staff in **his** hand and chose for **himself** five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd’s bag which **he** had, that is, in **his** shepherd’s pouch, and **his** sling was in **his** hand; and **he** approached the Philistine.” 1 Samuel 17:40*

8. Heroes take the whole team to a **Higher Level**

*“When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. <sup>52</sup> Then the men of Israel and Judah rose up and shouted, and they pursued the Philistines as far as the valley, and to the gates of Ekron.” 1 Samuel 17: 51, 52*

- Consider the Cause
- Count the Cost
- Chart the Course

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