

I. We Step Up For the Fight (9)

- A. Eleazar was an uncommon soldier (9a) - "And next to him among the three mighty men was Eleazar the son of Dodo, son of Ahohi."
- B. Eleazar was an unashamed soldier (9b) - "He was with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle..." **He stayed by the king when the enemy drew near**
- C. Eleazar was a unwavering soldier (9c) - "...and the men of Israel withdrew."

II. We Stand Our Ground In the Fight (10)

- A. He was engaged in the battle (10a) - "He rose and struck down the Philistines..."
- B. He was exhausted from the battle (10b) - "...until his hand was weary..."
- C. He was enduring in the battle(10c) - "...and his hand clung to the sword."
- D. He was elevated through the battle (10d) - "...And the LORD brought about a great victory that day, and the men returned after him only to strip the slain."

**God got the glory and others got the spoils from Eleazar's refusal to quit**

III. We See the Value In the Fight (11-12)

- A. A place of repeated attack (11a) - "And next to him was Shammah, the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines gathered together at Lehi..."
- B. A place of hidden value (11b) - "...where there was a plot of ground full of lentils..."

**Those beans were part of the covenant territory which belonged to Israel.  
The devil seeks a foothold in one area to create a stronghold for the entire area.  
If it is valuable enough for the enemy to attack, it is valuable enough for us to defend.**

- C. A place to stand alone (11c) - "...and the men fled from the Philistines."

IV. We Refuse to Give Up the Fight (12)

**"But he took his stand in the midst of the plot and defended it and struck down the Philistines, and the LORD worked a great victory."**