

# REMOVE THE LABELS

The labels others put on you were never meant to stick to you.

**1 Samuel 16:6, 10** – When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!” In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.”

## 1. God notices what others overlook.

**1 Samuel 16:7, 11–12** – But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.” “Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.” So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the Lord said, “This is the one; anoint him.”

## 2. Everyone will be led by fear or by courage.

**1 Samuel 17:24, 26, 32–33** – As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?” “Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!” “Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.”

## 3. Be faithful in the silent and in the sacred.

**1 Samuel 17:34–37** – But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

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## 4. Use the strengths God has given you.

**1 Samuel 17:38–40** – Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before ... He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

## 5. You are a champion, not just a contestant.

**1 Samuel 17:50–51** – So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. Then David ran over and pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head.

Coming soon:

1. **Fight Like a Man:** Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 pm as we continue our study on how to combat the temptations that men face every day.
2. **DRC Students:** If you're in the 6th–12th grade, don't miss this Wednesday, April 29, at 6:00 pm as we say goodbye to Josh and Jaclyn Mains. We are so thankful for their ministry and all they have done for DRC.
3. **DRC Missions:** Thank you for your continued support for our summer mission trips. There is still time to participate. You can give online or in the red giving stations.
4. **Coming in May:**
  - **May 3:** Special Guest Worship Leader Luke Culley will be with us.
  - **May 10:** Mother's Day: If you would like to be part of child dedications, sign up at [danriverchurch.org/dedicate](http://danriverchurch.org/dedicate).
  - **May 17:** Graduation Sunday: If you are graduating from high school or college, sign up using the QR code on screens so we can celebrate with you.