

## **1 Samuel 17.31-37 dialogue between David and Saul**

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When **the words that David spoke** were heard, they **repeated them before Saul**; and he sent for him.

**David said to Saul**, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

**Saul said to David**, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

But **David said to Saul**, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God."

**David said**, "YHWH, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine."

**So Saul said to David**, "Go, and may YHWH be with you!"