

MAKE WAR

(6) *Pick Up Your Rocks!*

FALSE IDEA...

GOD WILL NEVER GIVE YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE!

1 Corinthians 10:13...

No **temptation** has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be **tempted** beyond what you can bear. But when you are **tempted**, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10...

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the **hardships we suffered** in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, **far beyond our ability to endure**, so that we **despaired even of life**. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the **sentence of death**. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,

1 Samuel 17:4-7...

A champion named **GOLIATH**, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

1 Samuel 17:45...

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.

If **GOD** has **LED** you **TO** it... then **HE** will **LEAD** you **THROUGH** it!

NEVER GIVE UP ON THE GOD WHO'S NEVER GIVEN UP ON YOU!

Matthew 4:18-19...

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, **FOLLOW ME,**" Jesus said, "and **I WILL MAKE YOU** fishers of men."

**We're not CHANGED by the PROMISES WE MAKE TO GOD...
We're CHANGED by BELIEVING IN... THE PROMISES HE MAKES TO US!**

CHRISTIANITY is not so much about **WHAT WE'VE DONE...**
But rather **WHO WE ARE BECOMING!**

YOU CANNOT FOLLOW JESUS AND STAY THE SAME!

Philippians 3:10-14...

*I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. **Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on** to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, **I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.** But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **I press on** toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

There is a **BIG DIFFERENCE** between **ATTENDING CHURCH** and **FOLLOWING GOD!**

Acts 13:22...

After removing Saul, he made **David** their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found **David** son of Jesse **a man after my own heart; he will do EVERYTHING I want him to do.**'

1 Samuel 17:32-37...

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." Saul replied, "**You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him;** you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 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. The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

*“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.”*

WHAT’S YOUR “NEXT STEP” TODAY...?

REASON #1... “I’LL PRAY ABOUT IT!”

*Sometimes people **USE PRAYER...** as an **EXCUSE** for **INACTIVITY!***

WE’D RATHER PRAY... THAN OBEY!

REASON #2... DISOBEDIENCE

WHY would **GOD TRUST US** with **WHAT’S NEXT...**

*If we aren’t **OBEDIENT** with **WHAT HE’S SHOWING US NOW?***

REASON #3... PROCRASTINATION

PROCRASTINATION is **ASSASSINATION...**
*on the **AMAZING FUTURE GOD HAS FOR YOU!***

1 Samuel 17:41-47...

Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!

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. This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the

*whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, **David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.***
