

It's Ordinary to be Extraordinary

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Opening Question

Are you willing to be a VALIANT FIGHTER for the cause of Jesus Christ?

Characteristics of a Valiant Fighter 2 Samuel 23:20-23

I. You are willing to take on the enemy's BEST.

- BENAIAH took on the enemy's best.

Application

BE WILLING to be a valiant fighter against the best the enemy can dish out.

Context

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments & every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, & we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For our struggle is not against flesh & blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world & against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

II. You LEARN from & are ENCOURAGED by the EXAMPLES of other valiant fighters.

- Benaiah followed the example of KING DAVID.

Two Examples that Benaiah Followed

A. Benaiah killed a LION.

- A valiant fighter leaves no ESCAPE route. This forces a CONFRONTATION with your "lion."

Challenge

What is your lion? Will you go into "pit mindset" & FIGHT it?

B. Benaiah killed a GIANT.

- A valiant fighter will have to stand against IMPROBABLE odds.
- As God is MAGNIFIED, problems will come into the right perspective. Psalm 108

Application

What is a giant in your life? Do you see God bigger than it?

THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

OASIS FRUIT FUNDRAISER

It's time again for the Oasis Fruit Fundraiser! Please use this link <http://gpw.church/fruit> to order from any of the three sales. **TOMORROW** is the deadline for the first order. If you have questions, please contact Amber Hobbie at ahobbie@gracepointwesleyan.org or call the church office (692-6671).

GRACEPOINT PRESCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITY

GracePoint Preschool is hiring a Teacher Assistant for the 2021-2022 school year. We currently have two positions available, which can be filled by either one full-time or two part-time assistants. Applicants must adhere to GracePoint Wesleyan Church's statement of faith. Please contact Kate Bergstrom at the preschool (692-7217 or director@gracepointpreschool.org) for more information.

DISCIPLING WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

1. Change in Perspective

How did this message change your perspective of spiritual warfare? Is it optional for the follower of Jesus to engage in spiritual warfare?

2. Content

What lions or giants are you facing?

3. Character

When you think of character qualities, does valiant fighter come to mind? Why is it important for God's people to be valiant fighters?

4. Cultivate

How do you cultivate a "valiant fighter" mindset? What is the battle that we are to engage in? What happens when Christians fight over secondary issues?

5. Compassionate Service

How does being a valiant fighter serve the cause of Jesus? What happens to culture if the followers of Jesus won't valiantly fight the devil & his lies?