

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

May 30, 2021

For the last few weeks, the neighbor across the street has been building a pool. There have been dump trucks, pick-up trucks, and cement trucks lined up along the street. The lawn has been destroyed and the fence has been removed, all because the only way to get to the backyard is down the side of the house. They obviously had to dig a hole in the ground so there is dirt everywhere. In the process of creating a nice swimming pool, they first destroyed the front part of the fence and the yard.

If someone were to drive up to my neighbor's yard and see the destruction of the yard and the fence was torn down, they would probably tell the neighbor that the pool builders do not know what they are doing and they need a second opinion. Some other neighbors, if they did not know, could have begun writing letters to the association complaining about the trucks blocking the streets and the constant noise of the cement trucks. No one has complained because most everyone in the neighborhood knows that my neighbors are constructing a pool.

Bible-believing believers know what God is seeking to accomplish in their lives. He desires to mature us to the potential that He knows is already within us (Galatians 5:22-26; Philippians 2:12-16; 1 John 4:4). He desires that we develop the strength to meet any challenge we experience (Ephesians 3:16-21; Philippians 4:13), and He will use the church and trials to mature us (Ephesians 4:12-16; James 1:2-4; Galatians 2:20). He needs for us to deny ourselves (Luke 14:26-28) and commit to being His disciples. In the midst of spiritual warfare, God expects us to preserve in the faith (Ephesians 6:10-20), trusting Him to make our path straight (Proverbs 3:5; Romans 8:28).

Since we know what Christ is seeking to accomplish in and through us we need to develop the attitude Paul had. "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18; NIV) "...being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6; NIV)

Even though things may seem messy, frustrating, stressful, and overwhelming we must keep our eyes on the prize and press on without grumbling and complaining (Phil. 2:14; 2 Cor. 10:10-11; Colossians 3:13).



UPCOMING Events



Family & Friends Day

The Fellowship is back! Come to the parking lot near ABC Academy and join your Deacon Families for some food and fun on **Sunday, May 30th after the 11am service!** Enjoy a few games with your deacons and catch up on quality time with your brothers and sisters at LWFC! (Mask required except when eating)



Family Bible Encounter

We are excited to announce our upcoming Family Bible Encounter starting **June 8th– 10th**. Our theme is "I've Got This with Jesus": "I Can Do All things Through Christ ..." *Philippians 4-13*. We have awesome classes for Adults, Young Adults, Youth, and Children! Hope to see you there at 6:30pm nightly.

REGISTRATION ONLINE IS **MANDATORY**

← **SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER**

www.lwfellowshipchurch.org/event



Leadership Training

The first leadership training for 2021 is planned for Saturday, **June 12th at 8:30 a.m.**, in LEGACY. Every leader is expected to be present. Dr. Mark Bailey, former President of Dallas Theological Seminary is our guest speaker/trainer. Please carve the date into your calendar and plan to attend.



Heavenly Fathers vs. Earthly Fathers

Ladies, join us for a spirit filled discussion as we discuss Heavenly Fathers vs. Earthy Fathers with our *special guest Michelle Black*. The event takes place on **Saturday June 5th @ 9:30am**. For Zoom information email Doris Henderson at doris.henderson@lwfellowshipchurch.org.



ABC WORD Academy Summer Program

SUMMER SPECIAL INVITE: Need a small and intimate setting that's filled with love, learning and fun. *Ages 2 to 3rd grade.* Family and Friends cost is **\$85.00**

Our teachers are vaccinated and CDC guidelines are being followed. Call **281-445-9673**.



Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children's wing.

Ages 2—6th grade



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Communion

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving

Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

"Fearless"

1 Samuel 17:24-31, 45-47, 52

Dr. Paul Cannings

Sermon notes available online at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org

Click on the "Media" tab and click "Sermon Outline"

Call to Discipleship

Please remain seated at this time

Benediction



Fearless

1 Samuel 17:24-31, 45-47, 52

A. Don't Look at God through Human Eyes (vs. 24-25; Matt. 11:28-30):

1. All the men came to complete intellectual understanding of the massive stature of Goliath and his fighting ability.
2. Just the sight of Goliath caused the army of Israel to rapidly remove themselves from what they considered to be a dangerous situation. They had no plans to stop running.
3. The massive statue of Goliath caused the army of Israel to reverence him so much that they reacted in terror.
4. All the men were completely focused with acquired comprehensive understanding as they inspected the massive status of Goliath.
5. Goliath aggressively sought to agitate the army of Israel by mocking, insulting and ridiculing them.
6. King Saul was completely committed to finding someone among his men that would confront Goliath.
7. King Saul would endlessly make the person who attack and strike Goliath so that he dies have a lot more possessions than the average person. He wanted Goliath to be dead, dead not wounded.

B. It Does Not Matter the Opposition You Encounter (vs. 28- 30):

1. Eliab continuously gave his undivided attention to what David was saying and doing so that he could have a full understanding of what was taking place.
2. Eliab remained firmly engaged in what David was saying.
3. Eliab was extremely (meaning his emotions were on fire) upset, to the point that he began fretting with David.
4. Eliab said that he has completely experienced pride and self-willed nature. He feels that David is self-reliant and rebellious against authority.
5. Eliab claims that in David's deepest emotions he plots to do not morally pure and evil because it will purposefully violate the moral standards of God.
6. David asked Eliab what he was completely obligated to work extremely hard to do. It was simply a question- not something he was committing, to skillfully apply himself to.

C. It Does Not Matter the Opposition You Encounter (vs. 28- 30):

1. What David was verbalizing became completely understood.
2. The men of Israel explained to Saul what was continuously taking place.
3. Saul immediately decisively selected for David to not stop until he was in his presence.
4. David continuously, once in Saul's presence, spoke to Saul.
5. David said that no one's innermost feelings need to fall into a low place. This is like someone throwing themselves to the ground when in distress.
6. David views himself as a minister for the Israelites who will give himself completely to gathering his slingshot for war against Goliath.

D. God's Power is Limitless (vs. 45-47):

1. David spoke up in response to all that Goliath said.
2. David declares his advances toward Goliath are purposeful because it is being done based on his past experiences with the Lord, the Lord's power, and the Lord's reputation.
3. The Lord of host is used here to signify that David viewed the Lord as someone who has all authority and power but also, He is the mightiest warrior and most powerful king over all; so, Goliath does not stand a chance.
4. Goliath aggressively mocked, insulted, and ridiculed Israel. Goliath defied the Lord of host. The person he agitated was the Lord, so Goliath is the one who needs to be scared.
5. The One who has all authority and power is the One who is going to shut up Goliath so that he succumbs in battle giving David power and authority over him.
6. All the earth endlessly is able to distinguish the power and might of the Lord.
7. When Goliath is under the complete control of David, (who is smaller, not as experienced in war and weaker than Goliath) the world becomes exposed to the supremacy and creative power of God.
8. All the people of Israel will endlessly be able to distinguish the power and might of the Lord.
9. The One who has all authority and power does not save His people from harm based on man's methods or instruments.
10. David is confident that that very day Goliath will permanently be under his control and authority.



PRAYER REQUEST

Grieving: Flossie Jones & family, Betty Biggom & family, Dorothy Price & family, Melinda Parsee & family, Nikisha Doyle & family, the family of Debra Gaines, Wanda Ryan & family, Curtis Sanders & family, and Sybil Grenion & family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Octavia Scott, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Brittany Bull-ock, Sara-Beth Mathis, Barbara Gordon, Ella James, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, and Jon Heard & family.

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