Goliath Must Fall: Rejection Must Fall
Ephesians 3:10-21
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Ephesians 3:10-21 ~ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, [11] according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. [12] In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. [13] I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. [14] For this reason I kneel before the Father, [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. [16] I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, [18] may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, [19] and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. [20] Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ the power of "so that"

_____ of conventional wisdom: David said King Saul: "Don't let Goliath get you down, I will go and fight him! King Saul said, "You are just a kid, you can't fight this giant! You will never win!" I Samuel 17:32-33 (JOT)

_____ God's providence: David said to Saul, "Who is this Philistine that he degrades and insults the army of the Living God? The Lord who rescued me from the lion and the bear, will surely rescue me from the hand of Goliath!" I Samuel 17:36-37 (JOT)

2. _____ to live from "because"

_____ the purpose: This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence. So please don't lose heart because of my trials here. Ephesians 3:11-12 (NLT)

_____ the Spirit of Christ: I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. Ephesians 3:16-17a (MSG)

_____God's love: Let the love of Christ be rooted in your soul so that it will become the anchor of your heart. The purpose is to empower the seizing…of the never-ending, overwhelming, reckless love of Jesus Christ to completely fill you with the fullness that only God can give! Ephesians 3:17-19 (JOT)

3. _____ the strength of being God's child

_____ of resurrection: The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death. Romans 8:2 (MSG)

Spiritual Action Step:

How are you responding to God in order to earn his approval? How much do you think God loves you? How is the giant of rejection robbing you of power and hope? Jesus says: *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13 (NIV))* Jesus gave himself so that you can experience his love. Accept this gift of grace into your heart. Acknowledge that this reckless love is for you and it will never let you down! God wants to fill you with the power of his love! This week decide to join us in this study, either in a group or at home.

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NLT: New Living Translation; MSG: The Message.