

Goliath *Must* Fall

Winning the Battle Against Your Giants

Ok is Not Ok

The Main Point: Most of us desire to be comfortable, safe and secure yet, comfortableness and obedience often butt heads.

Comfortableness is a Giant

- It is subtle because it could cause us to miss the very best for our lives because we have settled for ok. OK is not OK.

Luke 12:16-21 (NIV) ¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'¹⁸ Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

- God is helping us to see that there is a fight to be fought, a race to be run, something of eternal significance to be contended for, calling us to a greater purpose, but it's so easy to chill out and relax.

Four Truths to Keep from Settling into Comfort and Complacency

- 1) We remember that FAITH thrives in DISCOMFORT. (Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:8, 2 Corinthians 12:10)
- 2) We remember the point of our lives is the EAME of Jesus.
- 3) We ALIGN ourselves with God.

4) We remember life is SHORT, but God is BIG.

We are not a people of comfort. We are a people of faith.

- The God side of this is He can and will redeem every situation. He can restore anything lost, broken or stolen. He can do far more than we can ask or imagine.
- In David's story, an entire nation was made free by the faith of one person. What does God want to do with you?

Additional Notes...

scriptures that relate

Monday: 1 Samuel 17	Wednesday: Luke 12	Friday: Philippians 2
Tuesday: Galatians 2	Thursday: Philippians 1	Saturday: Hebrews 11

small groups—talk it over

1. How have comfort and obedience butted heads in your world?
2. Why, when it comes to God, is OK not OK?
3. How has faith thrived in your discomfort?
4. What are the options out there on who to align yourself with?
5. How will you incorporate "Life is short, but God is big" into your life?

jeff alexander's prayer requests

Monday: Pray for the poor and homeless as the winter months are particularly difficult.

Tuesday: Pray for our missions work with Life Choices. Pray for our baby bottle fund raiser.

Wednesday: Pray for our youth and children that their love for the Lord will grow.

Thursday: Pray for our recent guests that we will be used to help them draw closer to the Lord.

Friday: Pray for our special needs families and their spiritual development.

Saturday: Pray for the lost and the broken to be brought to a saving relationship with the Lord.