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We want to take our Scripture text today from **1st Samuel 14:6-10**, "**And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armor, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint (or hindrance) to the Lord to save by many or by few. And his armorbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart. Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover (or reveal) ourselves unto them. If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come unto you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the Lord hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us.**" Notably this great battle with the uncircumcised Philistines is one of the greatest acts of faith ever witnessed in the holy writ by two young men. One of the greatest and most heart breaking failures within the modern church today is a total lack of faith in Jehovah. Regretfully, prosperity has caused many in the church to turn aside from trusting the Lord God of Abraham. Instead of trusting Jehovah, many have put their faith and trust in their self-sufficiency: thus the words of the prophet found here in **Jeremiah 17:5**, "**Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.**" The scriptures clearly show us how the church at Laodicea had found themselves seemingly increased with

riches and having need of nothing. However, Jehovah saw them as the exact opposite, when He described them as being wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. Today the world sees a church that is weak, anemic, and powerless: for the most part that is correct. It has been said, most God fearing, Bible believing Christians can be placed into a basket of deplorables: per "**Hillary Rodham Clinton.**" I had rather be a deplorable for Jesus than an apostate for the devil. Yes, I said those words: so please no e-mails, letters, or phone calls. The Voice of Evangelism has never been and never will be politically correct: **therefore save your breath to cool your soup.** The church today has become too friendly with the world and the world has become too chummy with the church. I am certitude the church has been commissioned by Jesus Christ to win the lost, but not at the expense of truth and pure unadulterated doctrine. Satan being the cunning and subtle serpent he is; has now stealthily pervaded the church. I preach forgiveness, redemption, and reconciliation as much as anyone but not at the expense of truth. God's word cannot be compromised no matter how this world evolves. There is still a heaven to gain and a hell to shun! My purpose in writing this newsletter is to open your eyes to the truth and that truth is: with many or with few, there is no restraint or hindrance with the Lord. If Jesus Christ handily turned the world upside down by ordaining 12 apostles: what could He

do with 500 blood bought born again Saints of God who willingly storm His most holy throne every day of their lives? Where are the Holy Ghost spirit empowered preachers of righteousness who wield the Word of God without fear or trepidation? Where are the Saints of God who will lift up the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ? As blood bought Christians, too often we become easily discouraged when we face any measure of opposition. Twice the Lord has blessed and empowered this ministry to purchase land and build two churches and neither time did any denomination or organization assist us in any way. The Lord has always been my helper and to Him be all the glory. The fight that we are presently fighting is the only fight worth fighting. The apostle Paul declared in **1st Timothy 6:12**, "**Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life.**" I personally want to encourage each of you after having done all to stand, to stand therefore. When we look at the context of that verse found in **Ephesians chapter 6** Paul prefaces that statement by saying in **vs.10**, "**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**" If anything is going to get done in this life it will be done through the power of Christ abiding within us. Now the Bible declares Jonathan and his armorbearer went over unto the garrison or group of uncircumcised Philistines. The Hebrew describes a garrison as a fixed military post. There is no doubting it: Satan has tried to fix a military demonic

spiritual post so as to thwart the efforts of every one of us. We know this slaughter consisted of the death of about 20 of the uncircumcised. Whenever we incorporate Jehovah into any of our many circumstances that automatically constitutes a majority? Too often we question the power of God and His ability to deliver us from our troubling and perplexing situations. Though Jonathan was the son of a king he chose to put his faith in the God of Israel and not in an earthly kingdom. Too often we put our faith and trust into what we know and in what we see: however that will always limit us. Admittedly, I greatly admire the faith Jonathan's armorbearer had; because he saw Jonathan's faith concerning the matter they were facing. The armorbearer declared here in **vs.7**, "**Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.**" When men are pure in heart there is nothing the Lord will not do for them. Jonathan was by no means a coward: the Bible says they discovered or revealed themselves unto the garrison of the uncircumcised. Jonathan petitioned the Lord and questioned as to how the battle would unfold and how the two of them would be made victorious. God's sign was the uncircumcised Philistines would call for Jonathan and his armorbearer to come up to them. Like always when these two servants revealed themselves, the devil tempted to mock them, the Philistines declared in **vs.11**, "**Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes (caves or dens) where they had hid themselves.**" Satan always seeks to intimidate the children of God, especially when they are the minority. Far too many Christians, as the Philistines declared have hid themselves in the dens and caves below the ground. I decree today: every blood bought born again child of God to come forth out of any hole or cave wherein Satan has tried to bury you. More times than not, a hole is a spiritual place where Satan has attempted to cover up something or to bury someone. We will not be covered

up in this hour neither will we be buried. Each of us possess resurrection power within our clay jars; so don't let Satan try to bury or cover you up. The psalmist declared in **Psalms 94:16**, "**Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?**" Today, Jehovah is looking across America for those who will stand for truth and righteousness. If just a handful of truly redeemed Saints of God would get on their knees and petition Jehovah to manifest his power and deliverance we will not only witness His great power but He will allow us to participate in His great deliverance. Jonathan said in **vs.6**, "**It may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint (or hindrance) to the Lord to save by many or by few.**" Now the phrase *will work for us* means the Lord will labor and accomplish much for each of us contingent upon our faith and trust in him. As a believer many times my hands are tied, but never are the Lord's. In **vs. 12** we witness as Jonathan said unto his armorbearer, "**Come up after me: for the Lord hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.**" Remember Israel is now a Prince and has power with Jehovah. Jonathan was reminding his armorbearer of God's eternal covenant with his chosen people: beginning with Abraham. Thus Jonathan declared the enemy would be delivered into the hand of Israel. In **vs.13** we witness as both Jonathan and his armorbearer came forth out of their hole upon their hands and feet. They were demonstrating the way to victory is always by prostrating ourselves before the Lord. When both Jonathan and his armorbearer were finally standing upon their feet: together they slew 20 men on about a half-acre of land. We witness in **vs.15** As there was Holy Ghost trembling or fear within the camp of the Philistines; there was also trembling in the field, and trembling among all the people because even the earth did quake. We now witness the enemy with their fixed military post and those that remained were panic stricken: they were literally in a state of anxiety. When

both the Holy Ghost and judgment begins to move across America those that are in Christ will neither be trembling nor panic stricken because they have cast their lot with Jehovah. Those without Christ will be overwhelmed with panic, anxiety, and trepidation. It is imperative that you put your faith in Christ our Lord and stagger not at his most holy promises. Regretfully for there to be a great victory there must be a great loss. Which camp will you be abiding in when this happens? As I sit here today I am quickened by the Holy Ghost from **Psalms 118:13-17**, "**Thou (Satan) hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly. The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**" I decree that prophetic word to and every one of you today. There will be rejoicing and deliverance in the camp of the Lord and we shall not die but we shall live and proclaim the works of Jehovah. As always we humbly thank you for your love and support for *The Voice of Evangelism*. It is my pray to see many of you at the upcoming revival meeting in Hickory, N. C. April 16 -19, 2020. We are truly looking for a divine outpouring and visitation from the Holy Ghost.

Serving With You All,

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