PPT "Fight the Good Fight of Faith" You Will Win Series Part 3 Dr. Janet Cook, Senior Pastor August 26, 2018 ©2018 Prayers Ministries, Inc. dba River of Life Community Church

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are taken from the NKJV.

1 Timothy 6:12 "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." (NIV)

- You made a good confession and now you are in a good fight
- Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

"When we don't understand what God is doing, we have to trust what we know of His character through His Word. He is good; He is loving, He is merciful." ~ LoveGodGreatly.com

Famous Battle in the Bible David and Goliath

Five Points we learn from this battle:

1. Our battles and challenges will always be bigger than us.

The Philistine Goliath from Gath

1 Samuel 17:4-7 (MSG) "A giant nearly ten feet tall stepped out from the Philistine line into the open, Goliath from Gath. He had a bronze helmet on his head and was dressed in armor—126 pounds of it! He wore bronze shin guards and carried a bronze sword. His spear was like a fence rail—the spear tip alone weighed over fifteen pounds. His shield bearer walked ahead of him."

2. Our adversary the devil will make noise to intimidate us.

1 Samuel 17:8-11 "Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, 'Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.' And the Philistine said, 'I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.' When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid."

3. Our battle will give us an opportunity to declare God's will.

1 Samuel 17:32-33 "Then David said to Saul, 'Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' And Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.""

1 Samuel 17: 36-37 "Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.' Moreover David said, 'The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

- David declared his victory.
- 4. Our adversary will despise us and curse us no matter how good-looking we are.

1 Samuel 17:42-44 "And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. So the Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

5. Our battle belongs to the Lords. Prophecy the will of the Lord!

1 Samuel 17:45-47 "Then David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands.""

- We go in the Name of the Lord of Hosts!
- Some day we will be glad we kept going.
- Jesus is greater than all that we are going through.
- Nothing can separate us from the Love of God in Christ.
- Fight the Good Fight of Faith. It is a war that ends in eternal, infinite glory and joy!

2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV) "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."