



- I. PRC virtual baby bottle campaign running now through February 14. Go to [www.greatjoy.org](http://www.greatjoy.org).
- II. Intro
  - A. Struggle of the Old Testament and me (my authentic situation)
  - B. The reality of the Old Testament

## Romans 15:4 (NKJV)

***<sup>4</sup> For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.***

- C. When seems you cannot see what God is doing... then take a look back at what He has done.

## III. My Rock

## 1 Samuel 17: 20-29 (NKJV)

***<sup>20</sup> So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle. <sup>21</sup> For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army. <sup>22</sup> And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. <sup>23</sup> Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them. <sup>24</sup> And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid. <sup>25</sup> So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel." <sup>26</sup> Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" <sup>27</sup> And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him." <sup>28</sup> Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." <sup>29</sup> And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?"***

- A. This year, really consider and pray about who and what you align yourself with.
- B. Faith comes from and begins when the Word or will of God is known. It is impossible to have faith apart from Gods Word.

## IV. Is there not a cause?



- A. Case, a thing
- B. Root was actually "A WORD"
- C. Darby – Was it not laid upon me?

## V. **James 2:26 (NKJV)**

***For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.***

Practical things in this day, for you to do, and to live by – otherwise I'm just singing a song and I don't want to do that in my life.

VI. Be in unison, fellowship, connection to, The LIVING GOD. David's entire statement came out of the stream of relationship with "the living God."

VII. The cause, the case, the thing has to stem from a relationship with and from the heart of a LIVING GOD.

VIII. Do NOT be OVERCOME by the moments. Let the LIVING GOD in us OVERCOME the moments of this life and this world.

## **Matthew 6:9 (TPT)**

***Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn.***

IX. I'll do my best to help you understand, but trust me when I tell you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened.

- A. What makes you pound the table and or what makes you weep?
- B. What DO you have?
- C. Q – God what do you want me to do? God what do you want me to do? A – Find out where God is moving and GET IN

X. It is time for us to put our \_\_\_\_\_ where your mouth is.

XI. A man, his wife, a cause, a journey....

- A. 50+ years of ministry
- B. Humble
- C. Never Stagnant

What motivates you to stay in the battle for the souls of men and not give up?