

## **RELEASE!**

*(Breaking Free From Normalcy!)*

*(2) Moving Past Your Past*

**IF YOU DON'T LET YOUR PAST DIE – THEN IT WON'T LET YOU LIVE!**

**2 Corinthians 5:17...**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

**1 Samuel 17:4-8...**

*A champion named **GOLIATH**, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; 6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. 7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him. 8 **GOLIATH** stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me.*

**1 Samuel 17:8-11...**

*Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "**Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.**" 10 Then the Philistine said, "**This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.**" 11 On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were **dismayed and terrified.***

**1 Samuel 17:16...**

*For **forty days** the Philistine came forward every **morning and evening** and took his stand.*

**TRUTH #1...**

**IN CHRIST... YOU ARE COMPLETELY FORGIVEN!**

**Ephesians 1:7...**

*In Him we have **redemption** through his blood, the **forgiveness of sins**, in accordance with the riches of **God's grace**.*

**FORGIVENESS IS NOT ACHIEVED... BUT RATHER RECEIVED!**

**BEFORE TIME BEGAN...**

**HE KNEW WHAT WE WOULD DO! (And...)  
HE KNEW WHAT OUR SIN WOULD COST HIM!**

**BUT... HE CHOSE TO SAVE US ANYWAY!**

**TRUTH #2...**

**IN CHRIST... YOU ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE!**

**Ephesians 1:3-4 and 11...**

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us** in the heavenly realms with **every spiritual blessing in Christ**. 4 **For he chose us in him before the creation of the world** to be holy and blameless in his sight.

11 **In him we were also chosen**, having been **predestined according to the plan of him** who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

**IN CHRIST... Our VALUE is not determined by WHAT WE HAVE DONE –  
But rather by WHAT CHRIST DID FOR US ON THE CROSS!**

*In order to understand the VALUE of SOMETHING –  
You must know what SOMEONE is WILLING TO PAY FOR IT!*

**TRUTH #3...**

**IN CHRIST... YOU ARE UNCONDITIONALLY LOVED!**

**Romans 8:38-39...**

*For I am convinced that **neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,** 39 **neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,** will be able to **separate us** from the love of God that is in **Christ Jesus our Lord**.*

**I MAY NOT ALWAYS BE THE PERSON I NEED TO BE...  
BUT I KNOW FOR SURE THAT I AM NOT THE PERSON I USED TO BE!**