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TO CHANGE OUR WORLD

- In the Garden of Eden, God walked with man (in the evenings)
- In Old Testament times, God appeared to men (infrequently)
- In the tabernacle, God lived among the tribes of Israel (annual access)
- In the Gospels, God was visible as a man (known by a few)
- At Pentecost, God came to live in man (indwelling Spirit)

**We're called to wage war
but with alien weapons**

³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5

**We don't win heaven's battles
with earth's weapons**

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

ROMANS 12:17-21

²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ROMANS 12:17-21

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Literally - "Stop being conquered by evil but keep on conquering evil in good." or "Drown the evil in the good"

ROMANS 12:17-21

¹⁶ "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

MATTHEW 10:16

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BECAUSE

**We won't win heaven's battles
with earth's weapons**

**Its easy to destroy an enemy
who has no hold in you**

³⁰ I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, ³¹ but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

JOHN 14:30-31

People who vanquished giants

These were descendants of Rapha in Gath, and they fell at the hands of David and his men.

1 CHRONICLES 20:8

**Habitual generosity
destroys
rampant self-interest**

¹⁶ And Ishbi-Benob, one of the descendants of Rapha, whose bronze spearhead weighed three hundred shekels and who was armed with a new sword, said he would kill David. ¹⁷ But Abishai son of Zeruiah came to David's rescue; he struck the Philistine down and killed him. Then David's men swore to him, saying, "Never again will you go out with us to battle, so that the lamp of Israel will not be extinguished."

2 SAMUEL 21:16-17

- **Ishbi-Benob**

- His name means - to sit in ambush or as judge, to abide where there is ease and fruit,
- Always seeking his own highest reward and best advantage
- The epitome of selfishness

- **Abishai killed Ishbi-Benob**
 - His name means - to be the originator or father of a gift, i.e. generous
 - His father's name meant one who has cracked or leaks under pressure
 - The epitome of generosity out of lack or brokenness

Unified community

destroys

limiting restrictions

⁴ In the course of time, war broke out with the Philistines, at Gezer. At that time Sibbekai the Hushathite killed Sippai, one of the descendants of the Rephaites (giants), and the Philistines were subjugated.

1 CHRONICLES 20:4

- **Sippai**

- His name means - contains – a container (basin, bowl, cup) that limits, a gate, post, threshold, the lintel of the door,
- Always setting the boundaries and limits for others - you may go only so far
- Set himself up to restrict and to define

- **Sibbecai killed Sippai**
 - His name means - to be copse like, to entwine, fold together
 - Hushathite means he was hasty, quick
 - The one quick to build unity, teamwork and community

Gracious humility

destroys

corrosive shame

¹⁹ In another battle with the Philistines at Gob, Elhanan son of Jair the Bethlehemite killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod.

2 SAMUEL 21:19

- **Goliath the Gittite**

- His name means - to denude in a disgraceful sense, to exile into captivity (captives being usually stripped); to reveal, disclose,
- Always stripping others of dignity and worth, tearing them down
- Causing humiliation and shame, who corrodes nobility and strength

- **Elhanan killed Goliath**

- His name means - God is gracious or he is the mighty one who bends in kindness to an inferior
- Jaare-Oregim means to thicken with verdure, like honey, weaving - grace shown consistently and often
- The one who extends grace and dignity

**Faithful testifying
destroys
arrogant self-sufficiency**

²⁰ In still another battle, which took place at Gath, there was a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot—twenty-four in all. He also was descended from Rapha. ²¹ When he taunted Israel, Jonathan son of Shimeah, David's brother, killed him.

- **Unnamed Giant with extra fingers and toes**
 - He was huge, abnormal, frightening, arrogant
 - Secure in his strength and inhuman abilities
 - The one who displays and shows no need

- **Jonathan son of Shimeah killed no name**
 - His name means - to give of Jehovah
 - The son of Shimea whose name means something heard
 - The one who hears something about God and tells others, he who testifies

1.

We can only release outside

what reigns inside

(p.s. its already inside)

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

COLOSSIANS 3:15

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: . . . ¹² As you enter the home, give it your greeting. ¹³ If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.

THE TWELVE - MATTHEW 10:5, 12-13

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. . . .

⁵ "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you.

THE SEVENTY TWO - LUKE 10:1,5-6

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

THE GLOBAL CHURCH - MATTHEW 28:18-20

**Make it a habit to release your blessing
(peace)**

2.

We can only give away what we own

⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk.

ACTS 3:6-8

Practice inhabiting what is yours


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