



# LET'S VISIT

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## AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX

Jesus said he came that we might live the abundant life. To do that we must believe in God and believe in ourselves. We must also sometimes overcome an inferiority complex. Most of us have had moments when we feel defeated and inadequate. Those times when we feel inferior as we face the circumstances of life. So many people in our world fail to live up to their potential. The reason is their fear of failure. They are gripped by the fear of being laughed at. Afraid of being misunderstood or embarrassed.

A person with an inferiority complex feels a myriad of emotions. They are worried that nothing will work out right. Life is hard and they feel so alone. Others get all the breaks and they don't get any. They have responsibilities they cannot handle. They often feel their efforts are futile. Sometimes they feel life has no real significance.

Yet, God in His word shows us how to gain confidence and power. He shows us the path to follow if we are unwilling to quit. There is a story recorded for us in I Samuel chapter 17. Two armies are at war. They are camped on opposite sides of a valley. When the story opens, there is a lull in the fighting.

One morning, a man named Goliath comes out of the Philistine camp. He was a tremendous man. His height was six cubits and a span, meaning he was about 9 feet tall! He has a helmet of brass and a coat of iron. There are heavy coverings on his legs. He has a long spear and enormous shield. He was a fearful looking sort of man.

He cried out to the armies of Israel, taunting them. Challenging them to select a man to come and do battle. When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, "they were dismayed and greatly

afraid" (I Samuel 17:11) That means they were scared to death! Goliath gave the entire army of Israel an inferiority complex. There were several sons of Jesse in the army of Israel. Jesse had been concerned about his boys in the army so he sent young David to check on his brothers. He took them some extra food their father sent. No doubt visiting the camp was a thrilling experience for David. He found his brothers.

While they were talking, Goliath came out to taunt Israel. Young David saw how the men ran from him. He saw how afraid they were of the giant. So, young David, the shepherd boy, goes to see Saul. He volunteers to fight Goliath. Saul laughs and said he was just a boy. So David tells the king how he has killed a lion and a bear. Animals that were coming to attack his sheep. He told the king God gave him strength in those fights and he believes God will help in his fight against Goliath. The king gave his permission. Down the mountain and across the valley David marched. He was going to do battle with Goliath.

Let's be honest. We all face giants. David is not the last person to be confronted by a Giant. The fact that we all have giants we must face is the reason so many people develop inferiority complexes. If there were no giants, we would not feel inferior.

While some of our giants are real, others are only  
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### In Search of the Lord's Way



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KSHV 45 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday  
DISH channel 239 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday  
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# Gathered Here and There

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*Love -  
It Will Change  
Your life!*

**For The Pantry. . .**

**June 7 – Chili (No Beans)**



**May 31, 2026  
\$ 2,039.00**

**The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"**

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imaginary. Yet, real or not, the trouble comes when we allow the giants to make us as grasshoppers like the giants in the promised land made the Children of Israel feel. They make us dismayed and afraid. So, often, instead of giving our best, we give up and quit.

The giants we face can take various forms. They might be some physical handicap or a hard job we are facing. Then again, the giant we face may be deep sorrow, financial debt or loneliness. Notice that David did not minimize the strength of the giant. However, he also did not let the giant minimize him. The first step in overcoming feelings of inferiority is to consider our own strength and power. We must also consider the strength of our opponent. After we consider the strength of our giant and our own strength, it is time to go out and do battle.

David's fight seemed to be a hopeless fight. A shepherd boy facing a giant trained in the art of warfare. The giant is fully armed. David only has a sling and some small stones. Goliath disdained him and cursed him and vowed to feed his flesh to the

fowls of the air and beasts of the field. However, David is not afraid. He calmly replied to the Giant. A reply that was an expression of faith. He told Goliath that he came in the name of the Lord. David is ready to do battle in the name of God. So, David carefully placed the stone in his sling. He whirled it around his head, took aim and let it go. The stone found its mark on the giant's forehead. He fell on his face.

David had 5 stones but he needed only one. If we use what God has given us, we have more than we need to win the victory. The army of Israel took courage from David, took out after the Philistines and routed them.

This story has meaning for us. When we stand at our full height in the face of obstacles. When we refuse to shrink back. When we instead give our very best. When we sincerely say to life, I come to you in the name of the Lord. It is then the inhibitions are taken away, the tangles are cleared, the clouds are lifted and we are victorious.

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**On The Lighter Side. . .**



**Mom, I think Dad is taking the  
"day of rest" a little too far.**

***A chip on the shoulder finally becomes  
a very heavy load.***



Mike Lout has been hospitalized suffering from severe hip pain.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

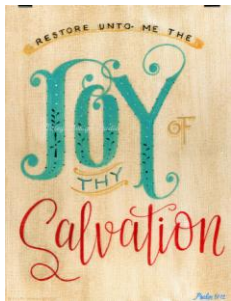
Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) Leslie Adams (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; Peggy Baylor (Tim Bradshaw's mother) Debra Clifton (friend of LaResa Livingston) Coleen Dickerson (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Joyce Fontenot (Debra Pate's mother) Pat & William Ford (cousins to Martha Bradshaw) Dot Grant (Friend of Debra Pate) Suzi Hogan (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) Albert Magby (Melonie Bradshaw's father) Karen McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher) Doug "Goob" Milford (cousin of Amanda Molloy) Gene Perkins (Tim Perkins aunt) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle); Heather Simmons Stewart (Friend of Cissy Amos ) cancer; Stephen Wiggins (preacher at San Augustine) Max Windham (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

# TODAY! - June 7, 2026

We hope you are making your plans to stay and join us for our covered dish luncheon today.

Hospitality group 3 will be in charge of this luncheon. The members of this group are: LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Liela Klein, Lieza Klein, Tiffanne Klein, Trish Lout and Brittany Ortiz.

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We rejoice with Holly Duck. Holly was baptized this past Sunday (May 31, 2026). We are thankful for the power of the Gospel of Christ and for her decision and we welcome her to the family of God.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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## Wednesday FELLOWSHIP MEAL

We will not be having a Wednesday night meal during the month of June. Our next Wednesday night meal together will be on July 30, 2026

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Reserve these dates for important events in the life of our Church for 2026

September 13, 2026 – "Back To Church Sunday"

December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"

December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party

**Communion Preparation - June**  
Manny & Brittany Ortiz



## Across The Preacher's Desk

I don't know about you, but my family does a good job of making fun of me. You see, I just don't like to throw anything away. In fact, my storage building is filled with treasures (my family says junk) that I might need some day or that might come in handy sometime. I would venture to say that some reading this do the same thing. To be sure, the habit of saving things we might need sometime in the future is universal. We try to put away part of our earnings for a "rainy day". We store vegetables in the freezer and in canning jars. With a wisdom born of the instinct of self-preservation we look to future value of things as well as present use.

It reminds me of the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart." You see, the Psalmist has discovered the secret of the victorious life. It is to store up God's Word in the heart that in time of need it might come to his aid. This shows the wisdom of this man in accumulating a treasure of divine truth for his soul.

We have no idea what the future holds for any of us. However, we may be certain that it will bring many occasions when the Word of God will be our only adequate help. Discouragement will come. We will know sorrow, heartache and pain. There will be seasons where we will be overwhelmed, perplexed and confused. It is in those times that the wisdom we have stored up from God's Word will help to see us through. How are we doing with hiding God's word in our heart?

*it's something to think about.....thp*

**The Lord's Plan  
For Evangelism –  
Each one Bring one!  
Will you?**