

The image features a scenic landscape with a river flowing through a valley, surrounded by rugged, reddish-brown mountains. A semi-circular graphic overlay is centered in the upper half of the image. Inside this semi-circle, there are faint, light-colored silhouettes of four people standing together. The text "THIS IS GRACE" is overlaid on the scene in a white, serif font. "THIS IS" is in a smaller size and positioned above "GRACE", which is significantly larger and spans across the width of the semi-circle. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by the earthy tones of the landscape and the golden light of the sun.

THIS IS
GRACE

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VISION- To be the church where the unchurched and the churched love to come

MISSION- transformed lives for Christ

We accomplish our mission by becoming our vision.

Grow-spiritually and numerically

God wants his church, his kingdom, and his children to grow!

THIS IS GRACE

1 Samuel 17:4-11

Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield. Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?"

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He called. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me! When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

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16) For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army. They gave no response.

23) As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel.

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32-40

“Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!” “Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.” But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death.

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I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the Lord be with you!" then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. "I can't go in these," he protested to Saul. "I'm not used to them."

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So David took them off again. He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

45-47 David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world

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Will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord's battle, and he will give you to us!"

HOLY SPIRIT, GROW US UP!

THIS IS GRACE

Growth Spurt

An occurrence of growing quickly and suddenly in a short period of time.

Increased hunger and sleeping are physiological signs of a growth spurt.

Spiritual growth spurts are what we are about here at Grace.

3 SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. You can see yourself winning

Vs. 32 David says don't worry about this Philistine, I will go fight him!

2 Timothy 2:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity but of power, love, and self-discipline.

“We obey the one we fear.”

“We fear men so much because we fear God so little.”

William Gurnall

3 SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

2. The type of problem doesn't matter anymore.

Luke 18:7

Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

Skandalon—(Greek) the trap's trigger on which bait is placed.

Proverbs 18:19

A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city, and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.

3 SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

3. When you know who conquers and you know who kills.

1 Samuel 17:46

Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!

3 SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

David had confidence in two things:

- His God
- His skillset

“We will never know what’s within us until we have a giant standing in front of us.” Vincent Townsend

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