

Encounter Church  
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Empowered and Unstoppable  
Who Do You “Think” You Are?

INTRODUCTION: God’s plan is Unstoppable! You and I have the opportunity to participate in that plan! Although God’s plan is unstoppable, our enemy, Satan, will use every weapon in his arsenal to hinder and even try and stop God’s plan in our lives!

1 Thessalonians 2:18 (NKJV)- “Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.”

Many of the difficulties that try and prevent us from accomplishing God’s work can be attributed to Satan!

Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)- “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”

Paul didn’t say, “We don’t have a battle to fight!” He just clarified who we’re fighting against in this battle!

Today we’re going to expose what I believe are two key weapons that Satan uses in his arsenal to hinder the work of God in our individual lives and in our church and its mission.

For the next three weeks I’m going to use one of the most popular Bible stories to help us recognize the weapons our enemy uses to attempt to stop the Unstoppable and how we can defeat and destroy the influence of the enemy in our lives and overcome the obstacles that hinder God’s plan!

The story of David and Goliath! (Share portions of the Story up to the point that David is standing before Goliath).

1 Samuel 17:40-44 (NLT)- “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. Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. “Am I a dog,” he roared at David, “that you come at me with a stick?” And he cursed David by the names of his gods. “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled.

NOTICE THAT GOLIATH ROARED AT DAVID

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) “Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.”

WHEN WE ARE EMPOWERED AND UNSTOPPABLE HOW DOES OUR ENEMY ROAR AND ATTEMPT TO STOP US IN OUR TRACKS?

HE WANTS YOU TO:

## 1. Question Who You Are

*Satan always wants you to feel less than who you truly are in Jesus Christ!*

*Goliath was saying to David, “Who do you think you are? You ruddy faced boy, you come at me with a stick!”*

*You and I will fulfill the plan of God as we walk in our identity as Children of God!*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)- “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NLT)- “He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.”

*Your enemy always, always wants to identify you as the person you were before you surrendered your life to Jesus Christ.*

*Your enemy always wants you to identify yourself by your past mistakes!*

Zechariah 3:1-4 (AMP)- “Then the guiding angel showed me Joshua the high priest [representing disobedient, sinful Israel] standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at Joshua’s right hand to be his adversary and to accuse him. And the Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, Satan! Even the Lord, who [now and ever] has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is this not a log snatched and rescued from the fire?” Now Joshua was clothed with filthy (nauseatingly vile) garments and was standing before the Angel [of the Lord]. He spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And He said to Joshua, “See, I have caused your wickedness to be taken away from you, and I will clothe and beautify you with rich robes [of forgiveness].”

CAN YOU RECOGNIZE THE CHARACTER OF SATAN?

**EVEN MORE SO, CAN YOU RECOGNIZE THE CHARACTER OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER?**

Isaiah 61:10 (NKJV)- “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord , My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)- “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

BUT IT DOESN'T STOP THERE.

Zechariah 3:5 (AMP)- “And I (Zechariah) said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with [rich] garments. And the Angel of the Lord stood by.”

In the Bible, the turban (especially the High Priest's) primarily represents holiness, divine authority, and the consecration of the mind to God. Because it covered the head, it was a symbolic covering of thoughts and intellect, marking the wearer as set apart for sacred service.

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)- “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”

Friends, when we face our “GIANTS” the enemy wants us to question who we are. He wants to accuse us, remind us of our past mistakes. He wants to blame and heap guilt and condemnation on us.

THAT'S WHY WE NEED THE FOLLOWING ARMOR

Ephesians 6:17 (NLT)- “Put on salvation as your helmet,.....”

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NLT)- “But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.”

CONCLUSION: WHY does Satan want. You to question who your are?

1 Samuel 17:44 (NLT)- “Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled.”

***HE WANTS US TO FORECAST OUR FUTURE IN FEAR!***

***Let's Pray***