

*How Can we Handle*  
*BULLYING?*

*Part 6*

**KNOW AND TRUST  
THE LORD**



***OUR DAILY BREAD***

Junior Edition

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## **SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:**

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

(John 14:6 KJB)

*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.* (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.*

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Last week we left a young man named David volunteering to STAND UP to a HUGE BULLY named Goliath. Even the king of all Israel, King Saul, & all his army were

**FRIGHTENED TO DEATH**

to

STAND UP TO THAT BULLY!



Why would a young person like the shepherd boy David, who was only about 16 or 17 at that time, ever think that he could defeat that bully when the king of Israel himself & his TRAINED soldiers felt

HELPLESS & FRIGHTENED  
to death in front of that bully?

The ANSWER is CLEARLY GIVEN TO US in our KING JAMES BIBLE OF 1611!

David had NOT yet been TRAINED for fighting as the army of Israel had been. David had NOT been TRAINED to use military armor & weapons of warfare such as swords & spears & shields. But David HAD been TRAINED in something more important than all those things. As we saw last week, while he was out in the fields tending his father's sheep,

**DAVID was TRAINED to TRUST THE LORD!**

Who trained David to trust the Lord? The Lord trained David to trust Him. And the Lord wants to TRAIN YOU TOO so that when God allows a

BULLY TO BULLY YOU,

you'll be able to believe & say the very same thing

that David said in Psalm 27:1-3:

"The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of  
my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked,  
*even* mine enemies and  
my foes, came upon me  
to eat up my flesh, they  
stumbled and fell.

Though an host should  
encamp against me, my  
heart shall not fear:  
though war should rise against me, in this will  
I be confident."



If YOU make Jesus Christ & His beautiful Word the  
MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE, the  
Lord will TRAIN YOU to be able to BELIEVE this  
& SAY it about Him with all your heart!

So start READING God's Word everyday to learn  
about all that Jesus Christ has done for you. Then  
believe what He says & obey it & you'll be

**TRAINED TO FACE THE BULLIES**

that God allows in your life!

Every bully that God allows in your life gives you  
one more chance for God to PROVE to YOU person-  
ally that He is REAL, that YOU can TRUST HIM,  
that He is FAITHFUL to take PERFECT CARE of  
YOU no matter WHAT troubles you have!

And not only do the bullies & troubles in your

life give God another opportunity to **SHOW** you some things about **HIMSELF** - like His **LOVE & POWER & WISDOM & FAITHFULNESS** to you, it also gives God another opportunity to **SHOW** you something about **YOURSELF** too! Something which God **ALREADY KNOWS** (God knows **EVERYTHING** - past, present, future,) but which only **TROUBLES** can show you!

See if you can **FIGURE OUT** by reading this next verse what God can show you about **YOURSELF** when He sends bullies & troubles your way:

*" If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small."*

Proverbs 24:10 KJB

Times of trouble are like a

**THERMOMETER!**

Thermometers tell us whether or not we have a temperature. Thermometers are one kind of tool which we can use to determine whether we are **PHYSICALLY SICK** or not.



Well, **TROUBLES** are one kind of tool which God uses to show **US** if we are **SPIRITUALLY WEAK** or **STRONG!**

Troubles show **US** whether we **REALLY TRUST** the Lord or not! If we continue to **TREMBLE WITH FEAR** like King Saul & his army did when trouble comes, that show **US** that we are spiritually **WEAK** & really do **NOT** know God very well & are **NOT** really trusting Him! It shows



US that we need to start PRAYING & READING our Bibles everyday & let God TRAIN US TO TRUST HIM & know what He wants us to do in each situation - like He TRAINED DAVID! David had the RIGHT KIND OF FEAR - TRUST & RESPECT FOR GOD. David KNEW that he did NOT have to “fear the bullies of this world! In one of His prayers to God, David said this:

“What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? Him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease;”

Psalm 25:12-13a KJB



Because David FEARED (knew & respected & trusted) the Lord, David **DID NOT FAINT** in this time of trouble!

Instead here is what the brave young David told the frightened King Saul:

“And David said to Saul, Let no man’s heart fail because of him ; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” 1Samuel 17:32 KJB

David said: “Don’t be afraid because of Goliath. I will go & fight him!” David could say this because he knew God’s PROMISE to the nation Israel in Deuteronomy 20:1-4.

Look it up for yourself now in your King James Bible & you will understand WHY David was NOT AFRAID to stand up to this bully, Goliath! David KNEW God’s promises & David KNEW from his OWN experiences out there all alone in the sheep fields that:

“God *is* our refuge and strength, a very pre-

sent help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the mist of the sea:"

That's Psalm 46:1-2. Read the rest of that Psalm on your own. It will help you TRAIN to TRUST GOD for the times when God might send BULLIES into YOUR life too!

So David VOLUNTEERED BRAVELY to FIGHT THE BULLY. What did King Saul say about that? 1Samuel 17:33 KJB

"And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."



King Saul tried to DISCOURAGE DAVID! He said: "David, you're just a boy whose worked with sheep! Goliath is a man who has TRAINED FOR WAR from when he was a boy! David, you are NOT physically strong enough or skilled enough to fight this huge, fierce soldier! (Whenever you are ABSOLUTELY SURE that the LORD has told you to DO or NOT to do something, don't ever let anyone DISCOURAGE YOU - especially anyone who DOES NOT KNOW THE LORD or TRUST THE LORD themselves, like King Saul.)

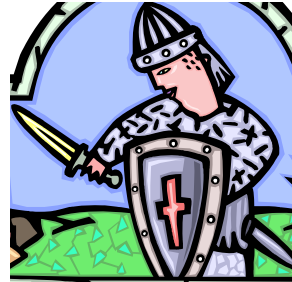
Now David was SURE that this was a time to FIGHT the BULLY; & David was SURE that the Lord would help him WIN, so, as we saw last week, young David then told the king all about the times out there in the fields when the Lord helped David fight the bear & the lion to save the sheep. Then,

King Saul agreed to let David represent Israel & fight Goliath. Remember, this was a VERY IMPORTANT FIGHT! If David lost that fight, then all of Israel would become slaves of the Philistines at that time. (1Samuel 17:8-11)

Because it was such an important fight, King Saul gave David his own KING'S ARMOR & SWORD to use! Now that sounds like it would have been A SMART THING for David to do - to use the BEST ARMOR in all the kingdom - the KING'S VERY OWN ARMOR! David tried it on & tried to use it; but then listen to what David said:

"And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved (tested) them. And David put them off him."

1Samuel 17:39b KJB



David told the king: "I can't use these. I have not "tested them to see if they will truly help me WIN THE FIGHT." David had never been TRAINED to fight with swords & armor; but David WAS TRAINED with something MORE IMPORTANT!

He was TRAINED TO SEEK THE LORD FOR GUIDANCE, OBEY THE LORD & then TRUST THE LORD to HELP him & GIVE HIM VICTORY IN EVERY BATTLE!

So David took off that UNTESTED armor & sword, & PUT ON HIS FAITH IN THE LORD. David took the "weapons" that he HAD TESTED out there in the fields under the Lord's TRAINING. What were those "weapons"? His



shepherds' staff & 5 smooth stones & his sling.

Now when that BULLY GOLIATH saw this young boy with SHEPHERD'S TOOLS, he did what ALL BULLIES DO! He made FUN OF DAVID! He tried to make David look like a FOOL - WEAK & HELPLESS! But here is what David said to that bully: 1Samuel 17:46 a-b KJB

"Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield, but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand: and I will smite thee,"



Read the rest of 1Samuel 17. You will see that the Lord DID deliver the giant bully Goliath into David's hand. The Lord gave David the skill & the power & the way to kill that giant using one stone & Goliath's very own sword! How can we handle bullying?

Let the Lord TRAIN YOU & then TRUST IN THE LORD! He'll help you know when you should IGNORE & when you must FIGHT the bullies in your life!

(And remember too, especially if you are a child, that God has also given you certain adults to help you - especially when bullies try to physically harm you or force you to do things that are wrong. Sometimes you will need the help of an adult - your parents, for example, & that's OK.)

But no matter what - learn how to KNOW WHAT THE LORD WANTS YOU TO DO & TRUST HIM ALWAYS!

# GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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## Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

## Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

## Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

## Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

## Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

Available for Every Service

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## Directions

### From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

### From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Right*.



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