

Small Voices, Giant Faith

Lessons from Children's Day at Downsview

It may be cold outside, but the warmth and love of Jesus is in our hearts.

On a winter Sabbath, the children took the lead. Their message was simple yet profound: God uses the unlikely—children, small lunches, and shepherd boys—to do mighty work. If God can use them, He can use me.



The Premise: Small Vessels, Big Impact

CONTEXT

Atmosphere: Parents watching with pride.

Transition: Leadership passing from Pastor to Youth.

Insight: Children have an “uncanny knack” for persuasion.



“Even though we’re small, God can use us in big ways. He used David to defeat Goliath and He used a little boy’s lunch to feed thousands of people.”

— Elijah, Service Leader

The Invitation: Do not look at ability or size, but availability.

Evidence of Faith: The Macular Hole

NOVEMBER: The Diagnosis

Vision distorted. A “macular hole” discovered. Surgery predicted for February—a long wait filled with anxiety and deadlines.

DECEMBER: The Struggle & The Tug

Work deadlines and a master’s certificate due. An intuition to finish early. “That tug in your heart.”

DECEMBER 29: The Miracle

A sudden cancellation. Surgery performed immediately. The doctor smiles: “The hole is closed.”

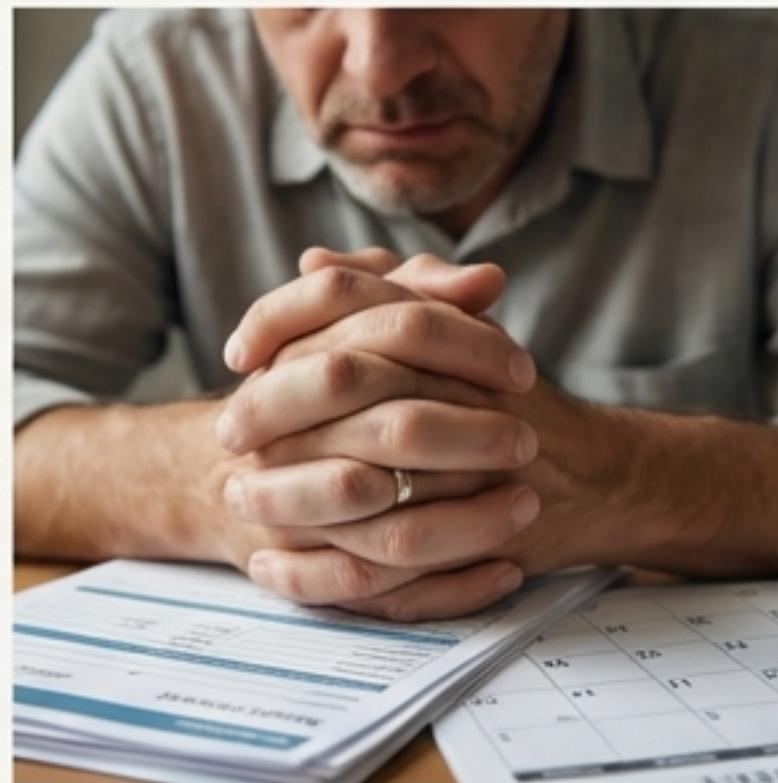
God answers our prayers, but He answers them in His perfect time. Not always when we want.

Evidence of Faith: The Simple Prayer

The Story: Annalise Brooks

“I was sick, my family prayed, and the very next day, I was back at school.”

The Lesson: God answers your prayers.



ADULT FAITH

Struggles with patience.
Navigates complex medical systems.
Waits months for results.

CHILD FAITH

Prays once.
Believes immediately.
Healed the next day.



“Teach us to keep praying and never give up because You hear every single prayer we pray.”

The Anthology of Praise

Featuring the Joyous Praise Choir from Philadelphia SDA Church

1. Emmanuel – A call to adore Him.
2. Jesus Saves – The opening declaration.
3. Pray On – The anthem of persistence.

**Pray on, for you are who
the Lord is looking for.**

Young people navigating a world of pressure,
choosing to travel and minister.



The Speaker: Israel O'Connor



SCHOOL: Crawford Adventist Academy East
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HOBBIES: Eat, Sleep, Play Soccer, Repeat.
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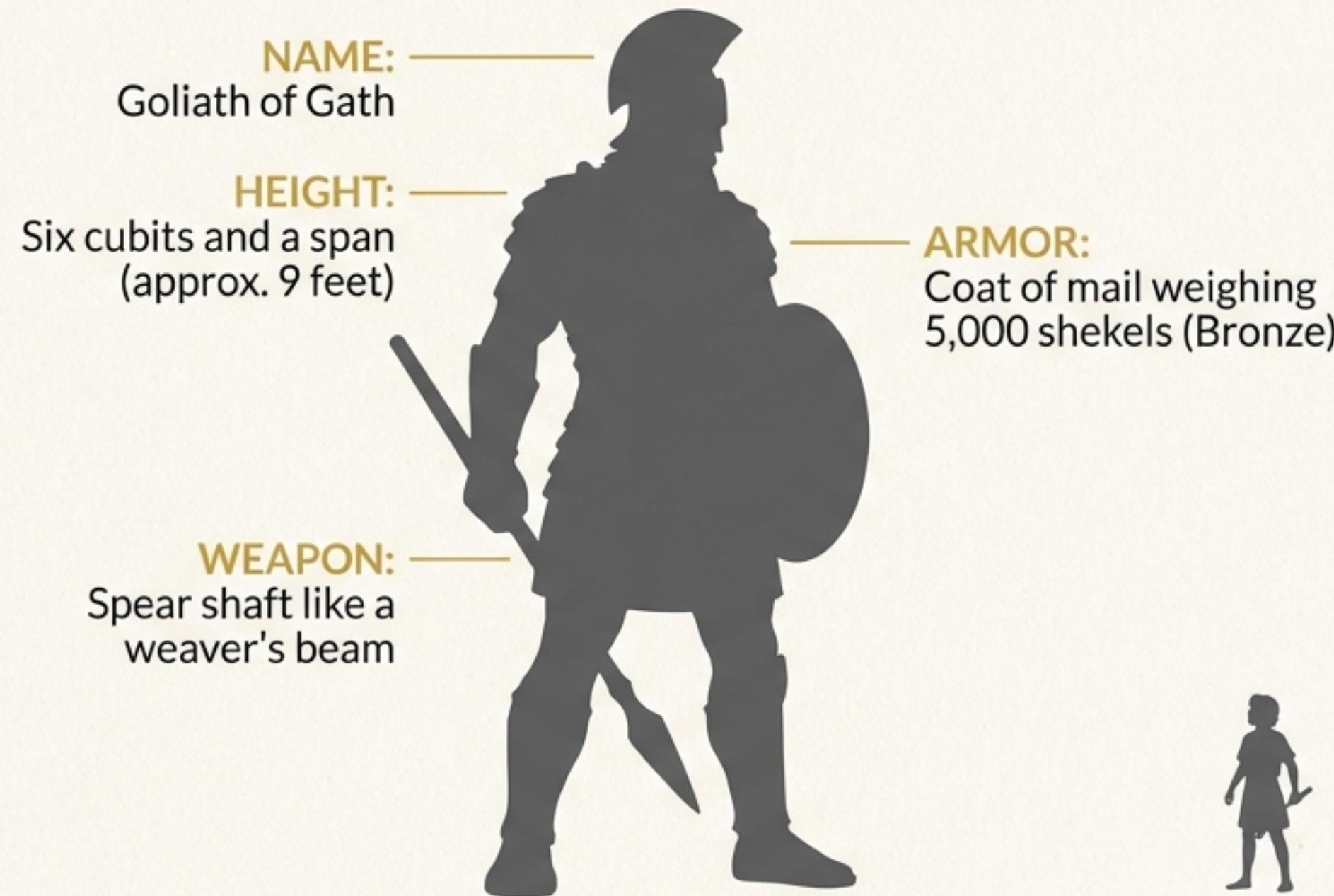
MISSION: To break down the story of **David** and **Goliath**.

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CONTEXT: Introduced by his sister, creating a family-centric atmosphere.

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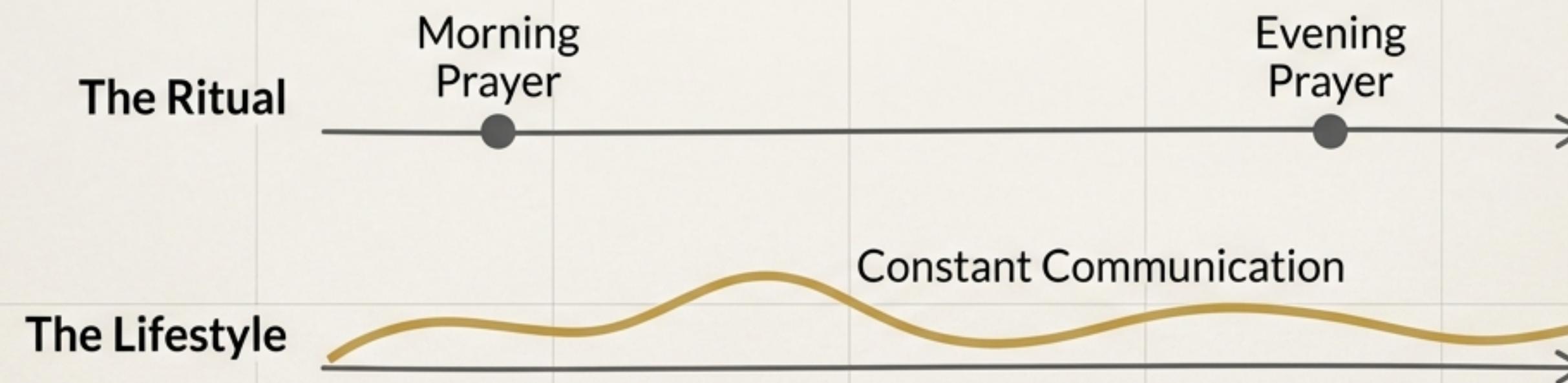
The Giant: Too Big to Hit?



The Challenge: “Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me.”

The Reality: To the natural eye, a massacre. To the spiritual eye, an opportunity.

Key Insight 1: Constant Communion



The David Difference: Others saw a giant. David saw an “uncircumcised Philistine” disrespecting God.

David's Monologue: “Lord, are You not hearing this guy?
... I will go, as long as You come with me.”

Psalm 34:1 – I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Key Insight 2: Rejecting the Wrong Armor

SAUL'S ARMOR

- Man-made and heavy
- Designed for conventional warfare
- Untested and clunky



GOD'S ARMOR

- Cannot crack or break
- Withstands all shots
- Provides spiritual confidence

**He didn't need the armor... he needed
God's armor, not Saul's armor.**

The Victory: A Mighty Tap

The Action:
David slings the stone
faster and faster.

The Intervention:
God gives the stone a mighty tap.

The Result:
The giant falls.



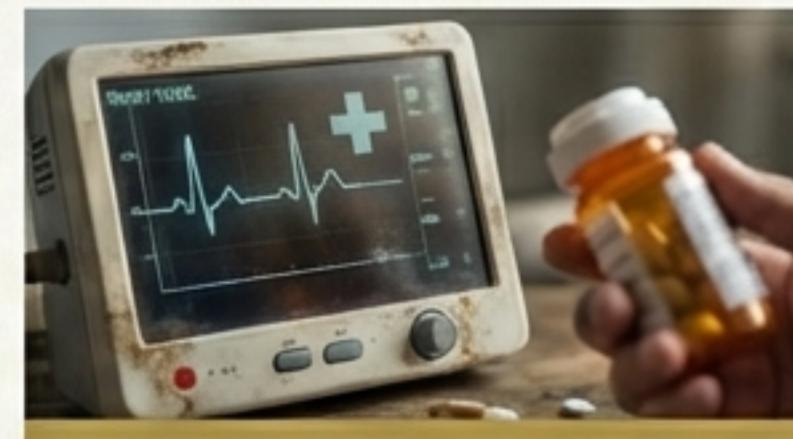
**To the army, Goliath was too big to hit.
To David, Goliath was too big to miss.**

Naming Your Giants

We are all facing Goliaths in our lives.

HEALTH ISSUES

Sickness, diagnosis, pain.



FAMILY ISSUES

Strife, loss, worry.



FINANCIAL ISSUES

Debt, unemployment, lack.



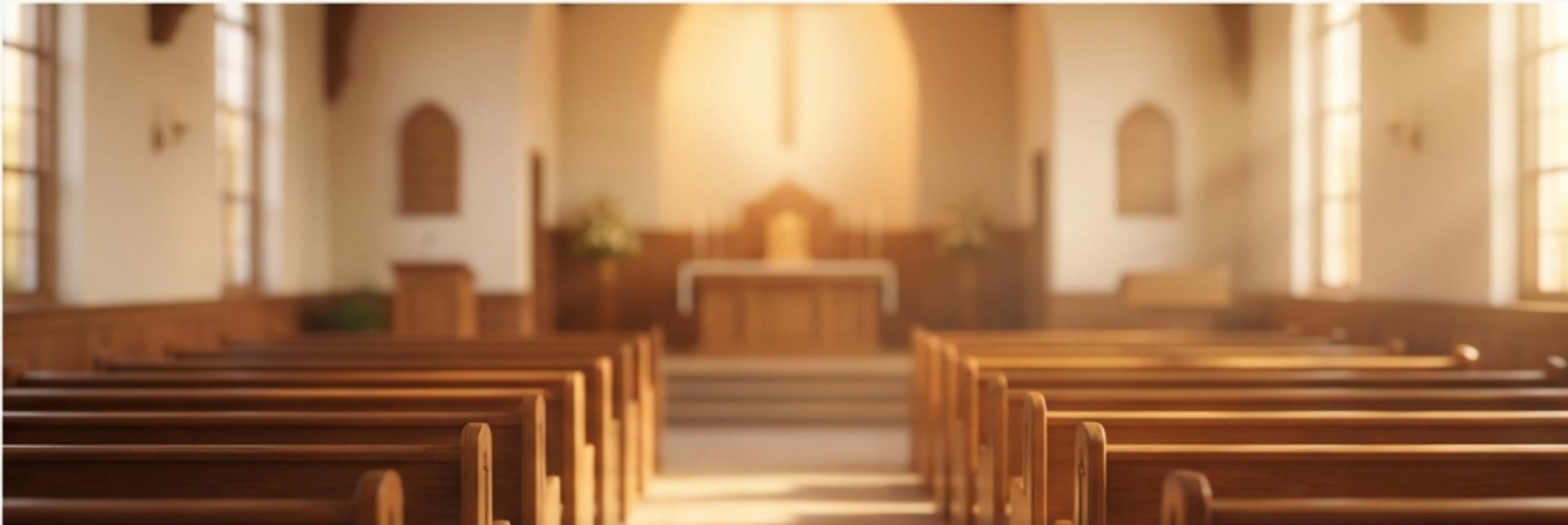
FEAR

The paralysis of facing a mighty multitude.



**The bigger they are, the harder they fall
when God is on our side.**

The Church is in Good Hands



Validation: When children lead with this level of faith, the future is secure.

Charge to the Youth: “You sing for Him, you’ll always win. You preach for Him, you’ll always win.”

Final Prayer: Walk with chest out and heads held high because we serve a risen Savior.

PRAY ON.