Time For A Breakthrough!

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• We Start A New Breakthrough Season By Looking Back:

  ▫ We Remember What God Has Done For Us
  ▫ We See How God Has Been With Us
  ▫ We See How God Has Worked In The Past
(1 Sam 17:34-37 NIV) But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, (35) I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. (36) Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. (37) The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."
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- Previous Battles Are Just A Training Ground For The Major Battle Yet To Come
- Looking Back At Victories Helps Us Move Ahead In Faith
- The Battle Always Gets More Intense The Closer We Get To God’s Promise
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1. **David Looked Back To Past Victories To Rehearse For Future Victories**

   • He Wanted To Remember The Great Things God Had Done
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Facing The Giant =

• God Answers Prayer
  ▫ When There Was No Way
  God Provided A Way

• God Works Out The Details Of The Difficulties That We Face
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• **When We Take Time To Remember:**
  ▫ We Realize That God Is Able
  ▫ It Raises Our Faith
  ▫ It Grows Our Expectancy
  ▫ We Realize We Are About To Encounter A Supernatural Event
  ▫ **Defeating A Giant Takes A Move Of The Power Of God**
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- We Look Back To Remember Because:
  - We Can Draw Strength
  - We Can Grow Our Faith

- As We Look At:
  - What God Has Done For Us
  - What He Has Brought Us Through
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• We Are Here Today Because Of Someone’s Faith And Sacrifice:

• (1 Pet 2:5 NIV) you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

• We Are Stones – Bricks – Building Blocks In The Spiritual House Of The Lord
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• We Are The Foundation For The Next Group Who Will Come Along

• We Are Stronger Today Because Of What God Has Done For Us In The Past
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• We Need To Look Back And Remember
  ▫ God Has Done Great Things For This Church

• As We Rehearse The Victories That God Has Already Brought Our Way
  ▫ It Helps To Build Faith In Us
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2. David Looked Back: To Reflect With Thanksgiving

- Attitudes Of Thanksgiving And Gratitude Are Essentials In Building Our Relationship With God

- We Need To Look Back And See The Great Things God Has Done
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- Psa 103:2 (NIV) "Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--"
  - He Forgives Us
  - He Redeems Us
  - He Heals Us
  - He Crowns Us With Righteousness
  - He Satisfies Our Desires
  - He Renews Us
  - He Has A Father's Compassion
  - He Knows How We Are Formed
  - He Is Establishing His Throne
  - His Love Is With Those Who Fear Him
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• Thanksgiving And Praise
  Breaks The Spirit Of Fear

• Fear Says: “Goliath As Too Big To Kill”
• Faith Says: “Goliath Is Too Big To Miss!”

• (1 Cor 15:57 NIV) But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ
3. David Looked Back To Report The Source:

• (37) The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.
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• David’s Source: It Is The Lord Who Delivered Me

• Goliath Tried To Make David The Issue

• David Made God The Issue

• David Came In The Name Of The Lord
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• God Wants To Do Extraordinary Things Through Ordinary People Who Will Give Him The Glory

• Because God Is Our Source We Can Expect Victory
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• (1 Sam 17:46-47 NIV) This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. (47) All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."
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• David Faced The Giant In The Name Of The One, Whose Name Is Above All Other Names. THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY
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- Jesus Christ Is Our Confidence
- Jesus Christ Can And Will Conquer
- Jesus Christ Has All Power
- Jesus Christ Will Give Us Victory
- Jesus Christ Causes Us To Overcome
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- Methods May Change But One Thing Remains Constant: God Doesn’t Change

- The Problems May Be Different But The Problem Solver Remains The Same
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- The Lord Is Calling Us To A Breakthrough To Victory

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