

## Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

October 29, 2017

### Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 18:6-16

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *You've Got To Stand For Something Part 3*

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**This morning's message** is the third of four messages that Pastor Kurth will be bringing at the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Bible Conference of the *Berean Bible Fellowship* next summer.

**Next Sunday** our speaker will be Assistant Pastor Steve Schwieger, as Pastor Kurth ministers the Word at a Bible conference in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

**The Middlebury Indiana Conference** is this Friday and Saturday. Call Pastor Joel McGarvey of *Bible Doctrines To Live By* for information: 616-785-3618.

**Midweek Bible Study** will resume November 8th.

**Our offering box** is located just left of the kitchen door.

**Pick up** today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone

## Judges 7:7-15 *You've Got To Stand For Something Part 2*

When Gideon doubted that he could lead Israel against 135,000 Midianites with 300 men, God told him to eavesdrop on them (7:7-11), knowing that what he heard would allay his fears. When he did, he heard a Midianite soldier interpret a dream to mean Israel would conquer them (7:12-14). What made him so afraid of Israel?

Well, when Joshua sent spies to check out Jericho, Rahab told them that the Canaanites feared them ever since they heard of the Red Sea (Josh.2:9,10). Forty years later, in case they forgot, God parted the Jordan River so they could enter Canaan, which also terrified them (Josh.5:1).

This is why the Midianite soldier feared Israel. In his mind they were as good as conquered. Knowing this gave Gideon all the confidence he needed (Judges 7:15).

You too are fighting an enemy that knows they are defeated, the principalities and powers of Satan's host (Eph.6:12) *who the Lord triumphed over in the cross* (Col.2:14,15). But while Satan knows he's been beaten, he doesn't want *men* to know it. So he has the principalities teaching "doctrines of devils" (ITim.4:1) that confuse the gospel so the lost don't know Christ can set them free, and confuse the Bible so believers don't know how free they are in Christ. This is why God needs grace believers to "wrestle" Satan's host by teaching *doctrines of God*. Saved and unsaved men alike must hear that Satan's power over them has been *broken*. Are you willing to *take that stand*?

Samson took a mighty stand for God when he died, a stand *so mighty* it was a type of Christ's death. Delilah betrayed him for pieces of silver (Judges 16:15) as Judas betrayed the Lord, and probably with a kiss, just as Judas betrayed the Lord. The Philistines gathered to sacrifice Samson to their god (16:23) as Satan's host gathered to sacrifice the Lord to Satan. They mocked Samson (16:25) as they mocked the Lord (Mt.27:29). They put him between two pillars (16:27) as they put the Lord between two thieves. He asked to be strengthened "once" (16:28) as a type of

Christ (IPe.3:18). And in dying got his vengeance (16:28) as the Lord did as He spoiled Satan's host (Col.2:15).

Both Samson and the Lord looked beat when they "bowed" (16:30 cf. John 19:30), but both bowed *with all their might* and won the victory. And God wants you to take a stand like them. You bear about the dying of the Lord (IICor.4:10) when you bow but don't break under life's crushing load (4:8). When you don't give up on God when you are at your weakest, God is at His strongest (IICor.12:10).

That's when the light of the gospel shines through you (IICor.4:4-7). Paul was thinking of how Gideon beat the Midianites by putting lights in earthen vessels *then breaking them to let the light shine through* (Judges 7:16-19). Because it is when your earthen vessel is breaking that Christ shines the brightest. Are you willing to take a few lumps in life so Christ can shine through you?

David's stand against Goliath was a type of Christ's stand against Antichrist. Goliath was 6 cubits tall, had 6 pieces of armor and a spearhead weighing 600 shekels of iron (ISam.17:4-7). Remind you of 666? Both battles are fought in a valley (ISam.17:4cf. IIChon.35:22). David said he'd feed Goliath's carcass to the birds (ISam.17:44cf.Rev.19:17-19). Goliath pictured Antichrist's confidence that he could win (ISam.17:44), but David knew he could win because he'd beaten a lion/bear team (ISam.17:34), as Christ will know He can win because he already beat a lion/bear team (Rev.13:1,2) when he spoiled Satan at the cross.

Don't forget what will be at stake at Armageddon. Goliath pictured it when, as Philistia's champion, he asked Israel for a champion, saying *the loser's people would serve the people of the winner* (ISam.17:8,9). If Antichrist wins at Armageddon, men will have to serve him for all time. And don't forget what's at stake if *you* don't take a stand for God and His truth. The people in your family may be doomed to serve Satan. If you don't have a family, trust me, *you're someone's champion*. Someone looks to you as an example. Don't let them down!

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October 29, 2017

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

*Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart*

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Ricky Kurth*

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

*Myrtle Harrison*

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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