

RE-OPENING CHRISTIANITY:

Am I Playing Offense or Defense?

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It is so easy to try protect what we have.

We can try to protect our finances, our health, and even our church. David stepped up to fight a giant when everyone else was simply trying not to be conquered by the giant. We are reminded how we can be brave in how we live for Christ!

***“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”***

– Matthew 16:18, ESV

My Next Step(s):

- I will remain open and welcoming to those who are outside of the Church.
- I will contribute to the work of God’s Church - especially as we re-open.
- I will discover “perspective” in remembering what God has done for me in the past.
- I will “run” to the battle line - to do the work that God has prepared me for!
- I will not be afraid to be on the offense for God’s Kingdom, man cannot deter me.

Memory Verse: “The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me.” - Psalm 118:6, NIV

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Re-Opening
CHRISTIANITY

*How can the church re-open **for**
the better?*

Am I open
Or am I closed off?

*Am I a **Contributor**
Or a **Consumer?***

*Am I Playing **Offense**
Or **Defense**?*

Offense — working to ***accomplish*** a goal

Defense — working to ***prevent*** someone
from accomplishing a goal

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“Go and **make disciples** of all nations...”

MATTHEW 28:19

A champion named Goliath, who was from **Gath**, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was **six cubits and a span**.

1 SAMUEL 17:4

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JOSHUA 11:22

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Today makes 3 years we been in
2020

**CONGRATULATIONS YOU
HAVE SUCCESSFULLY
MADE IT TO THE END
OF SEPTEMBER!**

**WELCOME TO LEVEL 10 OF
JUMANJI**

Theme parks in Japan are discouraging screaming on roller coasters to slow coronavirus spread, with one park urging riders to 'Please scream inside your heart'

And thus, we settled upon the official slogan for 2020



Fuji-Q Highland



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@richy_wrld

If by any chance, you see someone constructing this, please let me know.



What if 2020 is just
a trailer of 2021 ?



**Not to alarm anybody, but
Mad Max took place in 2021**



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¹⁰ Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and **let us fight each other.**” ¹¹ On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

1 SAMUEL 17:10-11

David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; **your servant will go and fight him.**”

1 SAMUEL 17:32



[https://great-characters.fandom.com/wiki/Scrappy-Doo_\(Don_Messick\)](https://great-characters.fandom.com/wiki/Scrappy-Doo_(Don_Messick))

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” ⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

1 SAMUEL 17:45, 48-49

⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

1 SAMUEL 17:45, 48-49

What did David have that we need?

#1

David had **perspective.**

³² “Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!” ³³ “Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.”

³⁴ But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said.

1 SAMUEL 17:32-37

“When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. ... ³⁶ I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! ³⁷ **The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”**

1 SAMUEL 17:32-37

***David's perspective** pushed
fear aside!*

⁴⁵ “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day **the LORD will deliver** you into my hands.”

1 SAMUEL 17:45-46

*The perspective we need to play
offense is **FAITH** in God!*

#2

David was **prepared.**

As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David **ran quickly toward** the battle line to meet him.

1 SAMUEL 17:48

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men **had been with Jesus.**

ACTS 4:13

And the peace of God, **which transcends all understanding**, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

The LORD is with me; **I will not be afraid.**
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PSALM 118:6



For we are God's **masterpiece**. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

EPHESIANS 2:10 NLT