

The Ascension Quartet

Newsletter
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FROM THE HEART

Goliath was an intimidating warrior- 9' tall, with hundreds of pounds of armor and weapons- who terrified the armies of Israel, day after day, on the battlefield. One day, a young messenger, David, showed up to deliver some food to his brothers on the battlefield. While there, he heard Goliath taunting the Israelites and became outraged! He asked, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" He didn't see size or might. All David saw was someone with no covenant provoking the people of the living God! David took on the giant with a sling and 5 stones, confident in his God. The very first stone hit Goliath between the eyes so hard that the stone sunk into his head, felling him to the ground! That's supernatural strength! David had no doubt about the ability of his God. Why, then, did he pick 5 stones, instead of one? Didn't that show a lack of faith? Apparently, the giant had 4 brothers. *David went prepared to fight them all, if need be!* He was prepared to keep on fighting until he overcame, because He knew WHO was on his side!

What impossible situation are you facing? The weapons of our warfare are mighty! (2 Corinthians 10:4) Pull out the sling of your speech and the stone of the Word and hurl them at the enemy! He WILL fall, backed by the power of a God who watches over His word to perform it! (Jeremiah 1:12)

MOVED WITH COMPASSION

Meet Jason!

This handsome young man is a bright 12 year old in the 6th grade . He is from Honduras, where he attends the Iglesia Evangélica Filadelfia Compassion Center. Jason is very social and enjoys any type of sport or game that includes friends. From the center, they also take field trips together and learn about God and being a responsible Christian. He says his teacher is a "very happy" person. We are so thrilled to hear that he is getting to see the joy of the Lord lived out on a daily basis! If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, contact us . Children around the world are receiving food, education, and health services in the name of Jesus, through Compassion International. We are making a difference, one child at a time. Won't you join us?



CALL & RESPONSE

Recently, the members of the quartet were touched by a very special story of pain and healing.

We were ministering at a church in Aurora- an outdoor event with a car show, items to sell, lunch, etc. - just a lot of fun. As it happened, the rain caught up to us ,and we spent part of our time covering equipment and waiting under a canopy or in the truck. But the faith of the pastor was tenacious.

As the rain lifted, the quartet began to minister again. The pastor declared that the interest shown by people driving by and lowering their windows was enough for God to reach them. The gospel was being preached , even to passers by!

Then, we found out why his faith was so strong. As the day came to a close, (cont'd)

ON THE ROAD WITH TAQ

June 2019

June 30th @ 6:00pm - Greenwood Baptist Church, [3501 Apricot Dr., Joplin, MO](#)

July 2019

July 14th @ 11:00am - Mt. Zion Christian Church, [5610 County Rd. 425, Hannibal, MO](#)

July 14th @ 6:00pm - Hunnewell Mission Church, [8915 Hwy 36, Hunnewell, MO](#)

July 20th - Family Time

July 27th & 28th - Group retreat

August 2019

August 4th @ 6:00pm - Treasure Lake Resort, [1 Treasure Lake Drive Branson, MO](#)

August 10th @ 6:30pm - Saturday Night Alive in Jesus, [1080 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL](#)

August 11th @ 10:00am - Fairview Center United Methodist Church, [1496 80th St. Monmouth, IL](#)

August 17th @ 7:00pm - Pine Valley Full Gospel Church, [15306 S State Highway 21, Potosi, MO](#)

August 25th @ 11:00am - Calvary Baptist Church, [2400 S Jefferson, Lebanon, MO](#)

August 29th - 31st - Old Threshers Reunion, [405 E Thresher's Rd., Mount Pleasant, IA](#)

THE WORD IN SONG

Our new project "Faith Steps Out of the Boat" will be a wonderful declaration of the goodness of God! The title song challenges the listener to remember what God tells us about faith. Everything we believe for and pray for comes by faith. We believe and we speak- that's how we receive salvation. But that's only one dish on the table of God's goodness. He wants us to live His ABUNDANT life. And faith is how we receive EVERY promise of God. In fact, without faith, it's impossible to please Him!

When God gives you a promise, either by an inner witness or by what is written in His Word, we need to declare that promise as ours even when what we see doesn't seem to agree. The song says,

"Though what He asks may seem impossible to do, When the worries of this life are crashing down on you, If you keep your eyes always fixed on Him, It doesn't matter just how big the raging storm you're in, 'cause FAITH STEPS OUT OF THE BOAT!"

It's important to recognize the voice of faith. "Fear listens to the thunder and says, 'You're going under.'" Fear and faith work the same way. One believes what it sees. The other believes what God says! The one that wins is the one you declare- that's stepping out of the boat! So we need to line up our words to please God:

My faith is not in my ability to make money. My job is not my source of wealth; God is!

My faith is not in the physician who does all he knows to do. Doctors are not my source of healing; God is!

My faith is not in my ability to say all the right words. I am not the Savior; God is!

My faith is not in my children's ability to make all the right decisions. My faith is in the God's ability to reach them!

Faith works by love, so worship the Author of faith- love on Him- then believe that what He has said is true! "STEP ON OUT OF THE BOAT" and declare God's goodness!

CALL & RESPONSE, Continued

his wife took the mic to do the "thank you's" and give-aways. Then through her tears, she related a story that moved us to our core.

Just seven weeks prior to that event, the pastor and his wife had lost their son to a motorcycle accident. He was engaged to be married, and was a fan of old cars- having planned to enter his own in the show that day. He had pulled away from the faith, but was beginning to show signs of returning. He made statements that made his parents wonder if he were ready to come back into fellowship. They were hopeful.

After the accident, as he lay on the side of the road, dying, a believer from another denomination came up to him and prayed with him. Another by-stander who was a nurse and a christian corroborated the story- that he had, indeed, made his heart right with the Lord, just minutes before meeting Him face to face!

In their pain, this pastor's family knew the value of a few words, spoken in passing. Nothing is wasted when you share God's love! We are not guaranteed tomorrow. We are guaranteed that He is with us everywhere we go. Reach out to Him. Share His love. Your few words are seeds that avail much when the Holy Spirit comes along side and waters it!

PARTNERING IN PRAYER & PRAISE

The book of Philippians is a partner letter, much like the one you're reading. Paul commends them for having "shared" and "sent aid" to him. Then he says that "MY God shall supply all YOUR needs..." (vs. 19) How God blesses us through your giving is also how He meets your needs. It's a partnership! God accredits your giving to the ministry to your account and enables us to reach the world with the gospel in song. It provides mutual prayer cover (and other benefits)- ask us about partnership!

Thank you for partnering with The Ascension Quartet. The seed you have sown brings forth a harvest all over the Midwest. You share in the rewards and anointing of this ministry! Not a partner? Sign up at <http://www.theascensionqt.com/partners.html>

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