



Covenant Life Church

Newsletter #8

Exploits

Dear CLC Family and Friends,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Like us on FACEBOOK: In cooperation with our governmental leaders request to limit group gatherings, we are continuing to live stream our church services on Covenant Life Church FACEBOOK until further notice. To view our Sunday service on FACEBOOK, please "Like" us on FACEBOOK at Covenant Life Church. <https://facebook.com/covenantlife4>

Reminders: Church Services and Cancellations:

(a) **Church Services:** Until further notice, all CLC services will occur via Facebook Live, unless otherwise noted. These include:

- Monday Night **Discipleship Class** at 8pm
- Tuesday **Prayer Tabernacle** at 7:30pm: The dial in number for the Tuesday night Prayer Tabernacle is: 712-775-7270; access code: 221090.
- Friday Night **Table Talk/School of the Holy Spirit** at 7:30pm
- Sunday **Prophetic Class** at 1-2pm via Zoom

May 24, 2020 01:00 PM

May 31, 2020 01:00 PM

Jun 7, 2020 01:00 PM

Join Zoom

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85255245878?pwd=Mk16bUZhNGFTMU5HVk0vOUJXMjF3QT09>

Meeting ID: 852 5524 5878

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- Sunday **Church Service** at 2:30-3:30pm

(b) **Conferences:** All conferences for 2020 are cancelled except for the September Deliverance Conference and the Women's Conference on November 13 -14, 2020.

WHAT'S NEW?

BREEZE Church Management System: We are pleased to announce that we are now using a church database management system called "Breeze" that will help members manage their personal information for church. Members now have the opportunity to have a personal church profile that provides name, address, email; allows for members to give online through Breeze so they can track their giving history and provides a church directory.

Ways to Give: You can use **BREEZE** to give or use **PayPal** on the church website or mail in your donation.

- **One-time or Recurring Donations:** Through **BREEZE** you can enable one-time giving or recurring donations using the link <https://covenantlifechurch.breezechms.com>
- **Paypal, ACH or Credit Card Donations:** Through **BREEZE** you can give using PayPal, ACH or Credit Card at the link <https://covenantlifechurch.breezechms.com>
- **TEXT TO GIVE:** You can give by texting the number: **(616) 326-3171**
- **Mail:** You can mail in your donation to: **CLC, P.O. Box 1262, Springfield, VA 22151**

Member Accounts: Pastor Andrea is reaching out to all members to invite you to create your own personal account in Breeze (if you desire) that will enable you to monitor your personal and giving history. Meanwhile, you are invited to give through Breeze as you desire, or use the PayPal GIVE command on the website

We appreciate your faithfulness in attending services through FACEBOOK and your generous donations to the church.

GROUP MEETINGS

Women's Group Meeting: The Women's Group will meet on Saturday, May 30 at 2:00pm via Zoom. Topics will include what the flood and Noah's ark reveals to us in our lives. The Zoom link is as follows:

Topic: Women's Group

Time: May 30, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84159021767>

Meeting ID: 841 5902 1767

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Married Group Meeting: Married Group will meet via Zoom on May 31 at 5:00pm. Topics will include Covenant and Communication. The Zoom link is as follows:

Topic: Married Group

Time: May 31, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89690068402>

Meeting ID: 896 9006 8402

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From the Desk of Apostles Jeff & Dr. Linda Herbert

Exploits

During this season of plague and pandemic, the Lord has continued to encourage us that He is with us and that we are more than over-comers in Christ Jesus who will do exploits through His name. He continues to speak to us that we are in a season of the miraculous where exploits are going to manifest, but we must believe him for the impossible. Daniel 11:32 says that, "they that know their God shall do exploits." The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "exploits" as "a notable, memorable, or heroic act"[\[1\]](#)

As we look through scripture, we find great people of faith who 'knew their God' and performed heroic acts. Examples include King David and his 'mighty men,' as well as Gideon, Samson, and Elijah – to name just a few. King David killed Goliath with a stone, and his "mighty men" performed many exploits. Notable among the 'mighty men' were three champions found in 2 Samuel 23:8 and I Chronicles 11:10. The first was Jashobeam - chief of the captains - who killed 800 men at once with his spear. The second was Eleazar who fought alone with David until his hand was so filled with blood that his hand clung to his sword. The third champion was Shammah who defended a plot of barley from an entire camp of Philistines. Among the 'mighty men' were also the 'three.' Abishai – commander and most honored of the three - who killed 300 men and also the son of a giant. Benaiah was captain of David's guard who killed two Moabite heroes, an Egyptian giant and a lion. He also helped Solomon secure the throne after David died and became general over Solomon's army. And Uriah, the Hittite.

Other who performed great exploits include Gideon, Samson, and Elijah. Gideon led 300 men and marched on an enemy camp with only a trumpet. They simulated an attack on a very large Midianite Army using a battle cry and light torches. As they did so, the Midianite army fled and Gideon won a great victory ([Judges 7:17–22](#)). Another example is Samson who used a donkey's jawbone to kill a thousand Philistines (Judges 15:15). Finally, the Prophet Elijah stood alone to confront the 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah at Mount Carmel (I Kings 18:27). The prophets of Baal built an altar and they prayed from morning to evening without success. They cut themselves with knives to sacrifice their own blood but to no avail. Afterward Elijah ridiculed them and built an altar to God. He added a huge trench around it, laid wood, slaughtered an ox, then laid more wood, and ordered that the sacrifice and altar be drenched with water from "four large jars" poured three times to fill the trench. Elijah asked God to accept the sacrifice and immediately fire fell from the sky, consuming the sacrifice, including the stones of the altar, the earth and the water in the trench. Elijah then ordered the deaths of the priests of Baal. Later, Elijah prayed earnestly for rain to fall again on the land and the rain began ending a famine on the land.

Hebrews chapter 11 is also replete with faith greats who all performed great exploits. Hebrews 11:32 states, "And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to fight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again.” All of these people were ordinary – like you and I – but because of their faith in God they performed great exploits.

All of these are examples of exploits performed by ordinary – just like you and I. If you are one who desires to be used in exploits there are several keys that will enable you to receive this anointing: 1) have knowledge and understanding in hearing the truth of God’s word; 2) believe and trust in the Lord; 3) do not allow a locked mindset; 4) ask for the Spirit of Might; and 5) be willing and obedient to his direction. The first key is found in Psalms 119:130 that states, “The entrance of your word gives light, it gives understanding unto the simple.” Reading and hearing the Word of God brings knowledge to our soul and enlightens the dark areas of our mind. When we read the Bible, the Holy Spirit enlightens our mind and speaks to our spirit by bringing revelation of the Word of God and His intent for our life. Ephesians 1:16-19 states, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us who believe according to the working of his mighty power.” These scriptures teach us that revelation comes through reading and hearing the Word of God and that the spirit of wisdom and revelation brings insight into truths of God beyond the natural human ability to attain. When God’s Word enters our thinking it sets our mind free to receive more from his Spirit and it enables us to hear his voice with a greater accuracy. Consequently, as we build the knowledge of Gods word in our hearts and mind, it opens or communication with the Spirit and we can hear him better. Collectively, this causes us to ‘know our God’ which enables us to be used in exploits because we will understand and know his leading in our life (Dan 11:32).

Another key is believing and trusting in the Lord. John 12:37-41 states, “Even though he had done so many miracles before them (right before their eyes), yet they still did not trust in Him and failed to believe in Him — So that what Isaiah the prophet said was fulfilled: Lord, who has believed our report and our message? And to whom has the arm (the power) of the Lord been shown (unveiled and revealed)? (Isa 53:1). Therefore they could not believe [they were unable to believe]. For Isaiah has also said, He has blinded their eyes and hardened and benumbed their [callous, degenerated] hearts [He has made their minds

dull], to keep them from seeing with their eyes and understanding with their hearts and minds and repenting and turning to Me to heal them. Isaiah said this because he saw His glory and spoke of Him (Isa 6:9,10) (AMP). We learn from these passages that because the Israelites did not believe and trust God, they could not know God. Their hearts were hardened because of a lack of faith and trust in God. But, the Bible teaches that if we believe God, all things are things are possible (Mark 9:23).

A third key is to not allow a locked mindset. The Lord wants us to be open to the realm of the Holy Spirit, but if we close our human spirit and lock our mind by becoming stubborn in our beliefs, we will not be able to hear God and do exploits. Study of the prophets throughout the Bible and the faith greats mentioned in Hebrews chapter 11 reveal that none of them had locked mindsets. None of them looked at man or the ways of man, rather they all looked to God. Hebrews 11:13-16 states, "All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one (NIV).

A fourth key is asking for the Spirit of Might mentioned in Isaiah 11:2, "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord." The Spirit of Might enables the power to do exploits and mighty deeds. The Spirit of counsel and might are a pair because a person may obtain counsel from various sources, but you must have strength to accomplish it. The Spirit of Might comes from the Holy Spirit – we are not filled by our own efforts. Ephesians 3:16 states, "...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man." "With Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding" (Job 12:13). The Lord prevails through our weakness as we obtain the Spirit of Might from Him. The Lord says, "...My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness..." (2 Corinthians 12:9). When we are weak before God, He will be our strength, "He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength" (Isaiah 40:29). We cannot gain the fullness of the Holy Spirit so long as we are full of ourselves. Things that impress man do not impress God. Humility comes before exaltation. Consequently, as we empty

ourselves and ask God for the Spirit of Might, his Spirit will fill us to perform his mighty deeds.

Finally, it is key that we are willing and obedient to follow God where-ever He leads us. The Scripture states that we eat the good of the land only when we are willing and obedient (Is 1:19). When we are willing to follow Jesus and obedient to his commands, we will move in the power and anointing of God. The faith greats in Hebrew chapter 11 all willingly and obediently followed God. They did not have a Bible as you and I do, but instead they prayed and were in His presence. They walked and talked with God and experienced his presence in their daily lives because they were willing to follow God and be obedient to Him. As a result they performed great exploits in His Name.

As we journey with God in this season, it is important to remember that God is not looking for perfect people, just those who are yielded to His Spirit. When we yield to His Spirit, we humble ourselves, becoming weak so that we can be strong in Him. And as we walk with Him, we will experience his presence and come to know him. And they that know their God will do exploits (Dan 11:32). We encourage you today to be in His presence and seek His face so that you may know Him.

[1]Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). Exploit. In *Merriam-Webster.com dictionary*. Retrieved May 19, 2020, from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/exploit>

From the Desk of Elder

Mighty in the Battle

The year 2020 will go down in history as being extraordinary! The Lord is moving in ways I have not seen in my lifetime. For example, the Lord revealed to Apostle Linda that we are entering into “exploits”.

The dictionary defines exploits as an “achievement or a remarkable deed. It is a feat that implies strength, dexterity or daring”. Some amazing examples of exploits can be found in the bible concerning David and his mighty men.

1 Chronicles 11: 8-11 (KJV) talks about David’s mighty men. It states: *“These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time. And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away: He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and **the LORD wrought a great victory** that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil. And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and **the LORD wrought a great victory.**”*

I love the fact that these mighty men continued to fight the battle and did not give up. Also, the bible says that **“the LORD wrought a great victory”**. These men trusted the Lord in the battle. We must learn to trust the Lord in the battle and know that the Lord will “wrought a great victory”. Keep the faith and trust the Lord regardless of your battle. You are on a winning team!

Another great example is in 1 Chronicles 11:22-26 which states: *“Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone **down** and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day. And he killed an Egyptian, a man of great height, five cubits tall. In the Egyptian’s hand there was a spear like a weaver’s beam; and he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian’s hand, and killed him with his own spear. These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three*

mighty men. Indeed he was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the first three. And David appointed him over his guard.”

What is so fascinating about Benaiah was that he went **down** into a pit on a snowy day to kill the lion. He could have stopped when the lion went **down** into the pit and ran away to safety, but he did not. Benaiah pursued!

I would venture to say that 99% of earth's population would not fight a lion on ANY day! But Benaiah was determined to win the battle and destroy the enemy. This is a great lesson for us to never give up!

The bible says in Romans 8:31 says *“What shall we then say to these things, If God be for us, who can be against us?* My prayer is that we prepare our hearts to receive all the blessings the Lord have for us in this season. The Lord is for us; we are the mighty men and women in His Army. So, pursue the victory!