

Wall of Prayer

April 23, 2012



Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,

I write to you with renewed strength and vigor, praising God for His most precious gift of life and salvation through the death of His one and only son, Jesus. For, it is through His suffering that we have exchanged our old dead existence for a brand new life filled with meaning and purpose. Through His love and mercy we have confidence to boldly approach Almighty God with our praise and our pleading because, through the sacrifice of His Son, we are now his children. We approach the sovereign King of the universe as His child!

We must not lose faith like the Israelites did when they listened to the ten spies who feared the giants rather than listening to Joshua and Caleb. Full of faith, these two, who saw the Promised Land filled with milk and honey where a single cluster of grapes had to be carried on a pole between two men, said, "Let us go up now, for we are able to overcome it." While the disobedient, unbelieving 10 cried, "the land devours its inhabitants," God's men pleaded, "...the Lord is with us, do not fear them." And, God grieved, "How long will this people despise me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them." (Numbers 13-14) We know that without faith it is impossible to please Him, but here, God defines lack of faith as actually despising Him. In the end, Joshua and Caleb were the only two left to see God destroy the giants and clear the way through that Promised Land of rest.

We may look around today and truthfully say, "The land devours its people." Violence, bullying, substance abuse, sexual promiscuity and predators are just a few of the giants that loom as tall as these Canaanite giants who descended from Anak. Goliath of Gath who we meet later in Israel's history, also believed to be a descendant of Anak, is recorded as standing anywhere from 9½ feet to 11½ feet tall depending on the definition of "cubit" used. (1 Samuel 16-17) In our human strength, we are as helpless as the Israelites who saw themselves as "grasshoppers" next to their foe. I recently watched as [PBS Frontline](#) featured the film entitled *The Interrupters* which tells the story of unprecedented anger and violence among Inner City America's youth. Three "interrupters," themselves criminals in their youth, have gone back into the gangs attempting to "interrupt" the violent acts before they unfold; anger and violence stemming from generations of parentless homes, drug trafficking, prostitution and resentment. While it was difficult to listen to the language and content, the message was powerful and heartbreaking as one story after another told of kids murdering kids - 30 homicides in 30 hours at one point. One adult stated that kids did not expect to live to their 30th birthday. My husband and I looked at each other and said, "Impossible!" That anyone could interrupt this cycle of behavior is impossible. After one young honor student was captured on a cell phone video camera being bludgeoned to death with a board, there was talk of the National Guard coming in to "interrupt" the brutal epidemic. The giants of our day are indeed formidable, it would seem.

But, we must not lose our confidence! In Jeremiah 32:26 God reminds us, "I am the God of all flesh, is anything too difficult for me?" GOD is able to do the impossible! To Goliath's taunting and mocking David replied, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel whom you have defied." Daily in our prayer closets as the prince of this world mocks God in attempt to weaken our faith with fear and doubt, we must in full faith plead with God to "interrupt" our adopted student's life with His love and mercy. Let us please Him with our faith in His mighty power to save and transform those we obediently bring to Him in fervent prayer!

In Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan".

Susan Admire

"Lord, there is no one besides Thee to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in Thee, and in Thy name have come against this multitude. O Lord, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee." 2 Chr. 14:11