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Long ago in many ways and at many times God's prophets spoke His message to our ancestors. **But now at last, God sent His Son to bring His message to us.** God created the universe by His Son, and everything will someday belong to the Son. God's Son has all the brightness of God's own glory and is like Him in every way. By His own mighty word, He holds the universe together. After the Son had washed away our sins, He sat down at the right side of the glorious God in heaven.

Hebrews 1:1-3

THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

Advent: Anticipation

Christmas: Incarnation

Epiphany: Revelation

Lent: Crucifixion

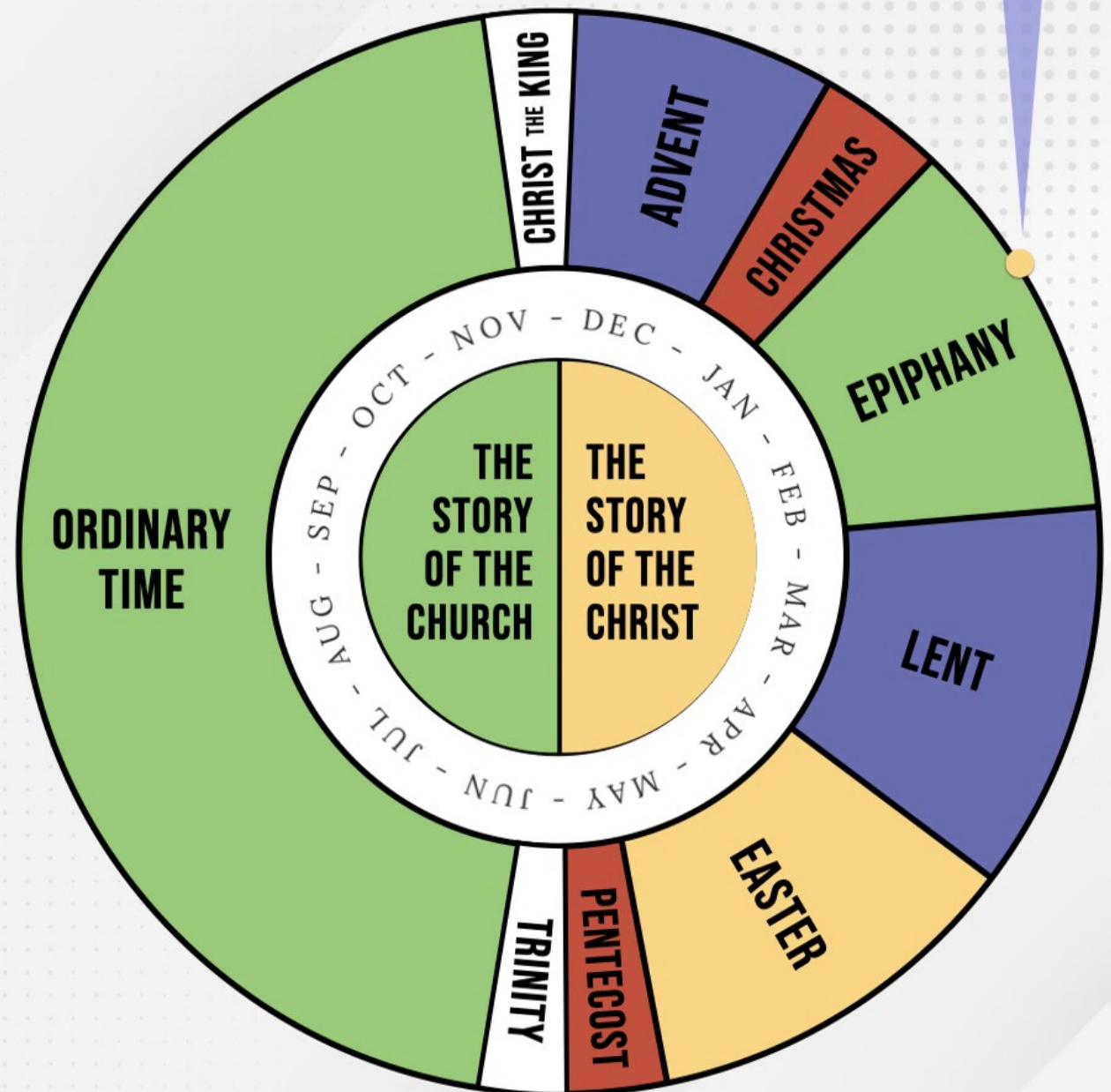
Easter: Resurrection


Pentecost: Ascension

Trinity: Magnification

Ordinary Time: Mission

Christ the King: Conclusion




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THE VALLEY
of **ELAH**

1 Samuel 17

In this season, conflict may be inevitable but it doesn't need to be incessant. Though the world is obsessed with revenge, Christians are called to reconciliation.

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1 SAMUEL 17:1-3

[1] Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah.

[2] Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. [3] The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.




LOCATION
1 SAM. 17:1-3
**KNOW YOUR
FOOTING**

*WHAT IS REALLY
IMPORTANT?*

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-2

[1] And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. [2] For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.



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1 SAMUEL 17:4-7

[4] Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! [5] He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. [6] He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. [7] The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield.

WITH WHOM ARE YOU STRUGGLING?

SITUATION

1 SAM. 17:4-11

KNOW YOUR **ENEMY**



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1 SAM. 17:1-3

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WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT?

EPHESIANS 6:11-12

[11] Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



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1 SAMUEL 17:16-19

[16] For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand. [17] Now Jesse said to his son David, “Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. [18] Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them. [19] They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines.”

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1 SAM. 17:16-19

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JAMES 1:19-21

[19] My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, [20] because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. [21] Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

What if your constant irritability is not a sign of prophetic indignation but of profound insecurity?

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1 SAMUEL 17:32-33, 37

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

[33] Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

[37] “The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

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1 SAM. 17:4-11
KNOW YOUR **ENEMY**

WHO WILL BE VICTORIOUS?

DECLARATION
1 SAM. 17:32-37
KNOW YOUR **STRENGTH**



LOCATION
1 SAM. 17:1-3
KNOW YOUR **FOOTING**


PROVOCATION
1 SAM. 17:16-19
KNOW YOUR **FIGHT**

WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT?

IS THIS EVEN NECESSARY?

ROMANS 8:37-39

[37] No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. [38] For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, [39] neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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1 SAMUEL 17:38-40

[38] Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. [39] David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. “I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. [40] Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

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1 SAM. 17:38-40

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DOES THIS FIT
WHO YOU ARE?

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-19

[17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! [18] All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

[19] that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.



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1 SAMUEL 17:45-50

[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. [46] This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

1 SAMUEL 17:45-50

[47] All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."^[48] As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

1 SAMUEL 17:45-50

[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. [50] So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

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1 SAM. 17:32-37

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WHAT IS TRULY POWERFUL?

CONFRONTATION

1 SAM. 17:45-50

KNOW YOUR
WEAPON



LOCATION

1 SAM. 17:1-3

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FOOTING

PROVOCATION

1 SAM. 17:16-19

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FIGHT

INTEGRATION

1 SAM. 17:38-40

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GALATIANS 5:22-25

[22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

[23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to

Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the

Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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1 SAMUEL 18:6-7

[6] When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. [7] As they danced, they sang:

“Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands.”

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1 SAM. 17:16-19
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1 SAM. 17:38-40
KNOW YOUR
STORY

CELEBRATION

1 SAM. 18:6-7
KNOW YOUR
REWARD

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DOES THIS FIT WHO YOU ARE?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU WIN?

MATTHEW 25:31-40

[31] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33] He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.


MATTHEW 25:31-40

[34] “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. [35] For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, [36] I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

MATTHEW 25:31-40

[37] “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? [38] When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?’

[39] When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ [40] “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

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