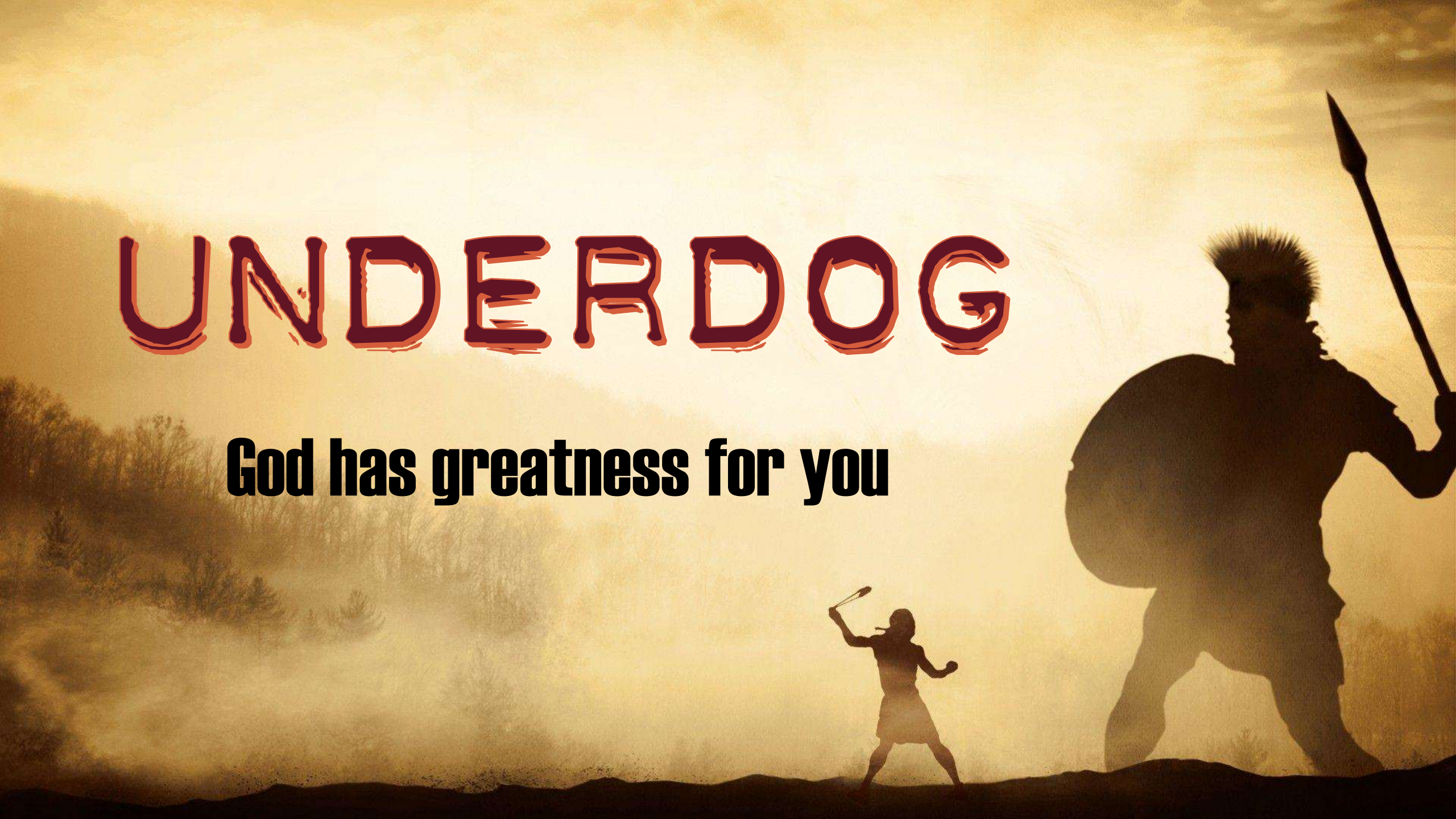


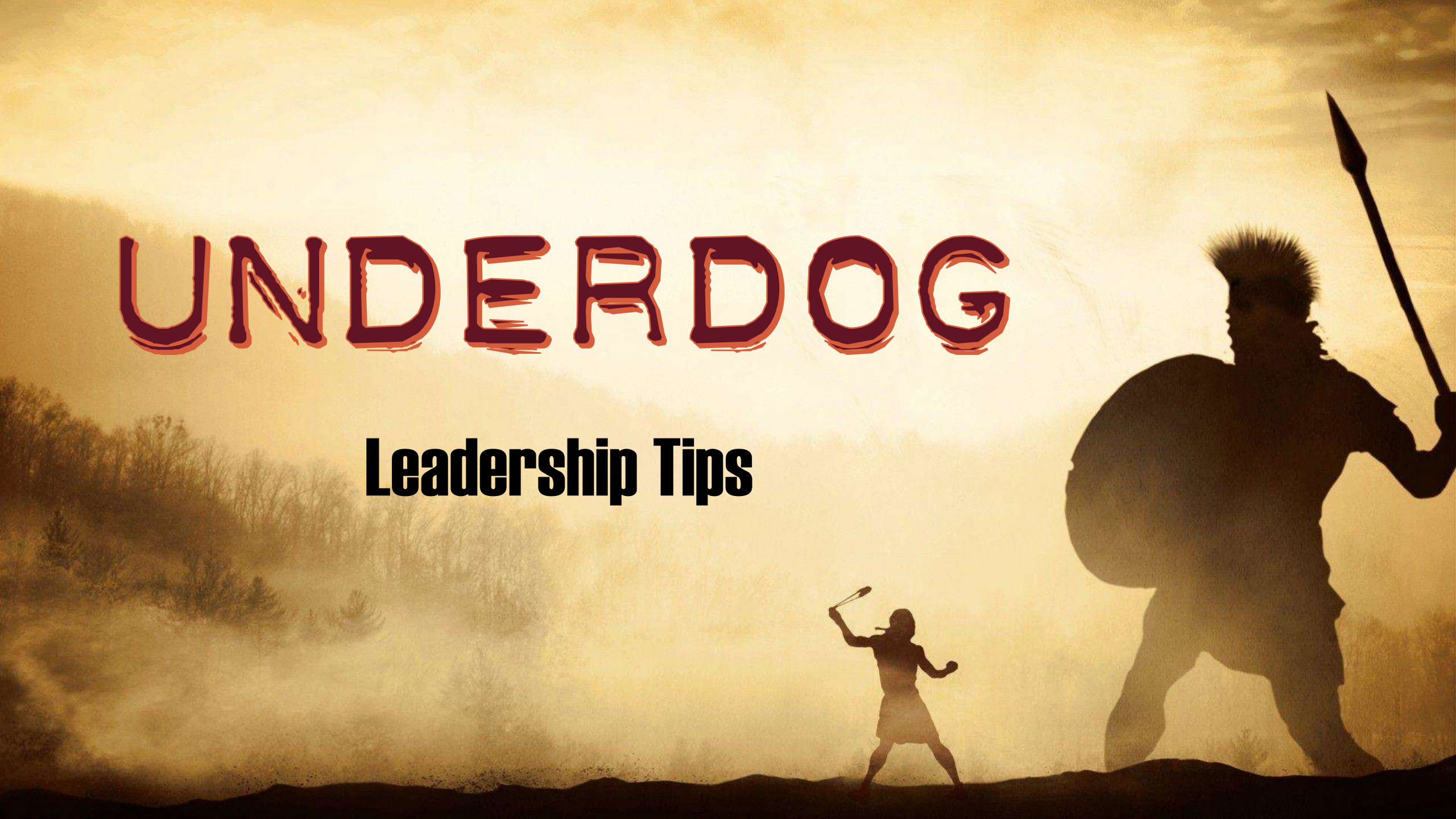
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God has greatness for you



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Leadership Tips



APPLYING THESE
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HELP YOU BE A MORE
EFFECTIVE PARENT,
AND THEY'LL HELP
YOU IN WHICHEVER
AREA OF MINISTRY
YOU SERVE.



A GREAT LEADER HAS ACTION

Matthew 9:1-8

Jesus climbed into a boat and went back across the lake to his own town. ² Some people brought to him a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven.”

³ But some of the teachers of religious law said to themselves, “That’s blasphemy! Does he think he’s God?”

⁴ Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, “Why do you have such evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵ Is it easier to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’? ⁶ So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”

⁷ And the man jumped up and went home! ⁸ Fear swept through the crowd as they saw this happen. And they praised God for giving humans such authority.

IF YOU WANT TO BE
AN EFFECTIVE
LEADER, DON'T SAY
SOMETHING UNLESS
YOU MEAN IT, AND
BE READY TO BACK
UP YOUR WORDS.



RECOGNIZE THE POTENTIAL OF OTHERS



Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. ¹¹ But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

¹² When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do."

JESUS SAW
SOMETHING IN
MATTHEW THAT NO
ONE ELSE COULD
SEE.



FOCUS ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT NOW

Matthew 9:15-17

Jesus replied, “Do wedding guests mourn while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

¹⁶ “Besides, who would patch old clothing with new cloth? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before.

¹⁷ “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine is stored in new wineskins so that both are preserved.”

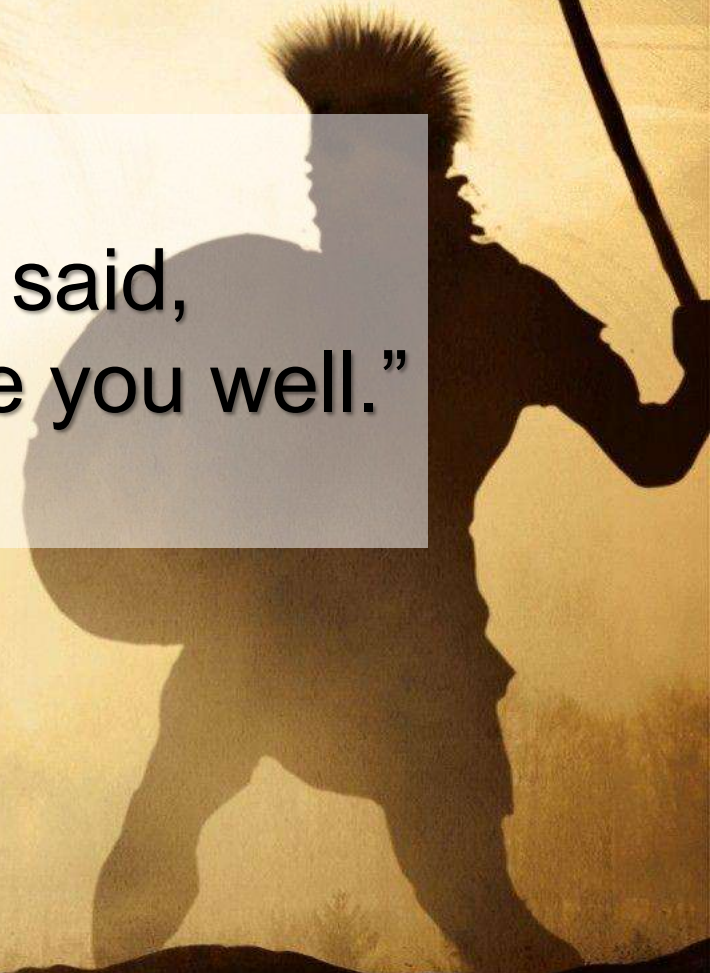
EVERY DECISION WE
MAKE CANNOT BE
BASED ON TRADITION



DON'T GET TOO BUSY TO DO WHAT YOU ARE CALLED TO DO

Matthew 9:22

Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said,
“Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well.”
And the woman was healed at that moment.



THERE IS ALWAYS
TIME TO DO
EVERYTHING GOD
CALLED YOU TO DO.
- RICK WARREN



DO NOT DRAW ATTENTION TO YOURSELF

Matthew 9:27-30

After Jesus left the girl's home, two blind men followed along behind him, shouting, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

²⁸ They went right into the house where he was staying, and Jesus asked them, "Do you believe I can make you see?"

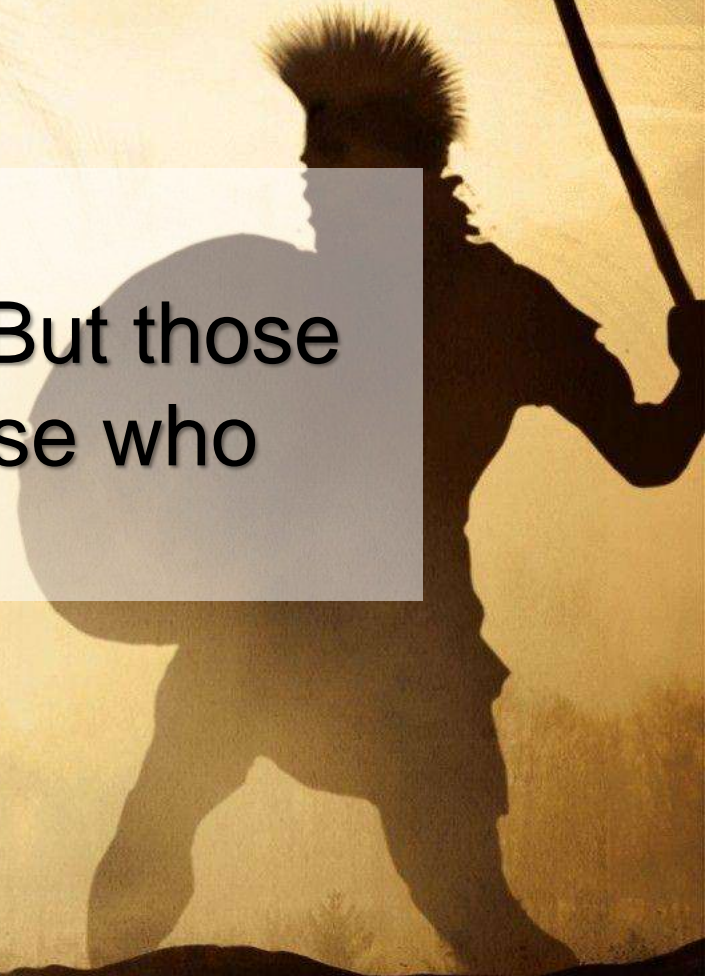
"Yes, Lord," they told him, "we do."

²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith, it will happen." ³⁰ Then their eyes were opened, and they could see! Jesus sternly warned them, "Don't tell anyone about this."

DO NOT DRAW ATTENTION TO YOURSELF

Matthew 23:11-12

The greatest among you must be a servant. ¹² But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.



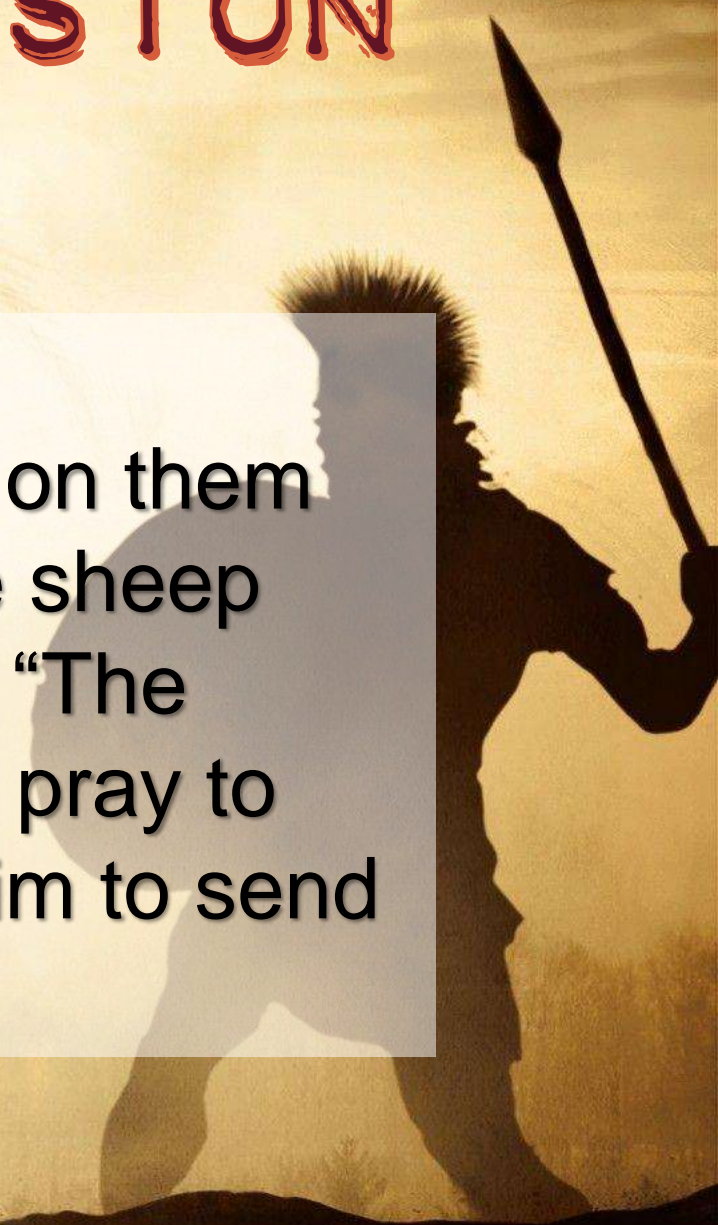
IF YOU WANT TO BE
A LEADER, YOU HAVE
TO BE A SERVANT.



HAVE A GREAT VISION

Matthew 9:36-38

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”



THE HARVEST IS
PLENTIFUL.



GOD HAS NOT CALLED
YOU TO A LIFE OF
FUTILITY. HE' HAS
CALLED YOU TO A
LIFE OF
POSSIBILITY.

