

"Looking Back"

1 Samuel 17:33-37 **(ref)**

Rediscovering Who We Are and Where We're
Going

"Looking Back" stress the importance of
drawing strength from past exploits and
victories as we plan for new ones.

1 Sam 17 backstory

~ Philistine and Israel at war

~ Goliath "champion" v23 **(ref)**

~ the challenge

~ Jesse and sons; David

~ King Saul and David v33-37 **(ref)**

~ Goliath's disdain, David's victory v42-49 **(ref)**

Three Reasons To Look Back

1. To Prepare For More Victories

~ 1 Sam 17:34, 36-37 (**ref**)

~ 1 Sam 17:35 "took lamb back", caught him by the beard"

History Of New Life Christian AG (**still #1**) (**one slide hopefully**)

~ 1933 Rev WJ Mitchell, started AG church

~ 1950's Holy Spirit moving

~ 1957 Pastor Lyle Huff, revitalized AG

~ 1958-62 Pastor JA Eckstadt "stirred the pentecostal fires"

~ 1962-73 Pastor Clarence Temple, North Parish Church

~ 1973-76 Pastor Robert Petton, parsonage

~ 1976-86 Pastor Lamar and Sybil Braezealle, a lot!

~ 1986-2007 Pastor Ken and Gloria Kashner, a lot too!

~ 2007-present Pastor Rick and Pamela Amendola

Past Victories: (still #1)

- ~ pastors, leaders, salvations
- ~ baptisms in Holy Spirit, water baptisms
- ~ a church, property, patronage, additions to building,
- ~ tent revivals, Hillstock, Serving Haverhill
- ~ New Victories: Building! Staff!

2. To Remember Whose Church This Really Is

- ~ 1 Sam 17:37 "the Lord did it!"
- ~ Lord provides courage, faith, finances
- ~ "no one ever did anything for the Lord that wasn't already provided for by the Lord" ie. Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Jonah, Peter and Paul, us!
- ~ 1933-2019! Bigger than any of us!

3. To Be Thankful and To Celebrate

- ~ 1 Sam 17 great victory for David and Israel

~ 1 Sam 17:51, 54 exuberance of David
~ 1933-2019, 86 years!

Our Challenge:

~Thrive Building Fund
~Missions Support
~Staff!

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Prepare For More Victories, Remember
Whose Church This Is, Be Thankful and
Celebrate

"Now to Him who is able to do
exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or
think, according to the power that works in us,
to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, to
all generations, forever and ever.

Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21