

THE BIG IDEA: When Jesus is enough, everything else comes into place.

The Take-Off

We've got a couple of Sundays before we kick off our Elephant in the Room series, and I'm taking the opportunity to share some things that don't really fit in a series.

This morning I want to share a simple message that God put on my heart a few months ago based around one word. ENOUGH

1. I've had enough

- a. Judges 3 tells the story of a surprising hero
- b. A left-handed Benjamin (considered doubly weak in that time) named Ehud who took down a fat king named Eglon who had gotten rich off Ehud's people
- c. It's a crazy story that highlights our first truth
- d. Ehud was used by God because he finally said, "**I've had enough!**"
- e. There must come a time when we see the enemy and all he has taken from us and simply draw a line in the sand that says NO MORE
- f. Until I've had enough, I'm a victim
- g. When I've had enough, I can become a victor
- h. I've got the perfect clip to illustrate what can move us from victim to victor, and it contains some really bad fake fighting and fake blood.
- i. **[VIDEO Rocky III]**
- j. For over a year it's looked like the church is getting killed, but I think that we've simply gotten mad
- k. It's time for an army to rise up and say, "I've had enough!"
- l. Don't let the enemy intimidate you because intimidation leads to compromise!
- m. **1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)** / the Bible says he roars around LIKE a lion - but we serve the Lion!
- n. Satan has overplayed his hand (he always does), and now is the time to rise up and walk in victory

2. I have enough

- a. Amazing things can happen when we simply say, "I've had enough!"
- b. But what happens if we said, "**I have enough?**"
- c. **Philippians 4:10-13 (NIV)**
- d. The secret of contentment sounds so foreign to us today because we live in a culture of more, not a culture of enough
- e. Ask anybody how much money it would take to make them feel secure, and almost every person will have the same answer: A LITTLE MORE
- f. So we adopt a scarcity, "only enough pie to go around" mentality that causes us to close our hands around what we've got so we don't lose it
- g. Until I have enough, I'm a keeper
- h. When I have enough, I can become a giver
- i. We live lives marked by contentment or dissatisfaction, and whether or not we say, "I have enough" is what determines which one.

3. I am enough

- a. The third statement may hit you funny, but hang in there and let me explain
- b. I think we've got to get to the place where we can say, "**I am enough.**"
- c. Until I am enough, I'm a chameleon
- d. When I am enough, I can become an anchor
- e. If I don't think that who I am is enough, then I'll try to be whoever I think you want me to be
- f. I'm constantly changing, never fully sure if you'd love the real me and even less sure if I love the real me
- g. **Galatians 1:10-11 (NIV)** / Paul understood this - not pleasing man, but pleasing God
- h. Knowing that who God made me to be is enough allows me to be steadfast and confident no matter how others see me
- i. It allows me to say that I am enough, even if I am not enough for others

4. Jesus is enough

- a. If we just stop there, this was nothing more than a really good pep talk
- b. But the only way that we'll be able to consistently say that we've had enough, have enough, and are enough is if we embrace the truth of our final statement: **Jesus is enough**
- c. **2 Corinthians 3:5 (NIV)** / our sufficiency - our "enoughness" - comes from Christ!
- d. Until Jesus is enough, I'm a vagabond (one who wanders around without a place)
- e. When Jesus is enough, I am finally home

The Landing

That's it, y'all. No real earth-shattering Big Idea other than this: **When Jesus is enough, everything else comes into place.**

I challenge you to let Jesus be enough for you.

Let's pray