

Are You Ready to Change?

“But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold.

The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baalperazim”, 2 Samuel 5:17–20.

I would like to open with two illustrations.

The first took place some sixty plus years ago. A group of us from the local Church had gone to Germany to help rebuild a church school.

On the way back, people came through the train, warning the people of gales in the North Sea.

Boarding the ship, moored in the relatively still waters of the harbour, several of us went to the bow of the ship thinking we were about to have bit of a helter skelter journey back to England.

The boat did make it back, mainly due to the captain’s expertise, and all the power the engines could provide.

The second took place a few weeks back. It concerned some surfers and massive waves.

For them, they were relying on their own expertise to ride these waves, for they had no engines to help them, and could only go where the wave took them.

The Philistines had problems with the breach of waters that enveloped them,

No captain, with his expertise to guide and steer them through,

They did not have any engines to assist them through,

They did not know how to handle the situation.

The boat’s engines could only assist the boat to go forward. The surfers could only ride the waves, they could neither make or control a wave.

Friend, do your engines assist you to go forward? Are you able to ride the waves of life? Or are you going to be like the Philistines – completely swamped?

The Master of our life is a skilled master, can you rely on the engines of

your faith?

Governments, are in general, led by those who not believe there is a Master of the universe.

Financial institutions, are, in general led by the god of filthy lucre.

We are experiencing strange weather patterns.

It is also very hard to find an area of the earth that is not at war.

Friend. Do you wish to be like David, where the Lord broke through and enabled David to be carried through unharmed, and those who opposed him lacked any success?

Are you ready to change, or do you want to be in the water, hoping a lifeguard will be near by, and come to your aid?

Are you ready to change, and ride the wave – that God, having given you the expertise – will use to take you to safety, and a new level of living?

You, my friend, are the only one who can decide what you want to do.