

Request for Support

Good evening I am John Gramlich I have had the honor of being a part of His Branches thru Embracing Options for 12 years now and have had the joy of seeing and hearing numerous stories like those you heard tonight over the years. Watching men and women **Called to Serve** reaching out in **Christ's love, Conferring Dignity** to each person that come to His Branches Health Services, Embracing Optionsor have been touched by the many community activities of the Block Association.

I have also seen the ministries of His Branches grow to multiple locations in the Rochester area and recently focus on strengthening the foundations of the ministry.... preparing for the future.

Dr. Bill has just shared a very loft vision of the future of this ministry, with our human eyes that vision may seem impossible..... But His Branches is not business, yes we have employees, and heating costs, insurance payments that is why we are here tonight to raise Awareness and Funds.

His Branches is a ministry founded on God's call from Micah 6:8 **Act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.** And our God as no limits to His Love, His Grace or to His Provision! Amen!

I would like to share from an impossible situation in the Old Testament.Israel was outnumbered by the Philistines..... at a strategic disadvantage..... God's word tells us only King Saul and Jonathan his son had swords..... Impossible odds!

So Jonathan and his armor bearer went out to look for a way to attack the Philistines and found themselves as it says.... between a sharp rock and a sharp rock..... We are told that while Jonathan went out that King Saul was sitting under a pomegranate tree with 600 men.

We live in a world where many are very comfortable sending out Facebook posts about all that is wrong in our cities, they are comfortable sitting under their pomegranate trees with their resources!

1 Samuel 14:6,7 says Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of the Philistines..... it may be that the LORD will work for us.....For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few."

⁷ So his armor bearer said to Jonathan

“Do all that is in your heart, Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart.”

There are many sitting on the sidelines....but few that launch out on the impossible, trusting in the Lord to accomplish great things for the needs of others.

I do not know if the Lord has called you here tonight because you are drawn to the health needs of the underserved..... maybe to young families struggling with an unexpected pregnancy..... or the needs of a young boy or girls to have a safer place to live.

Whatever your reason, we are blessed that you have come to hear more about His Branches and those we serve tonight.

Dr. Bill, the Staff and the Board of His Branches, have envisioned a Jonathan sized vision....

They are saying to each of us.... **“Come, let us go over, For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few.”**

We believe that each of you came out tonight are Armor-bearers..... men and women that are in agreement with the need..... in agreement with the mission..... and **have the back of this ministry.**

By the way that was the role of the armor bearer, he carried a larger shield to protect the back of the warrior going into battle and to supply him.

The armor bearer says..... What every pastor..... What every missionary.....What every visionary wants to hear

I've Got Your Back

Tonight we hope that through the stories of those we serve..... and the vision set forth..... your heart has been knitted close to what is done thru His Branches.

And the Lord has stirred your hearts to help fund the envisioned future of His Branches and say financially

"Do all that is in your heart".

I would ask that our Table hosts hand out the Giving Cards and Envelopes now please.

We have 3 ways you can give, by..... Check Credit Card or Text.

- Please take a look at the giving card and the information required if you have questions please ask your table host for assistance.
- If you would like to use the text to give option there are instructions on your table

We are blessed by onetime donations to fuel the mission.....but we are doubly blessed by those that commit to be monthly partners please consider joining us in monthly giving.....and seeing if your company has a matching program for charitable donations many do!

If I could ask you to bear with me for a few more moments, I would ask you to set the envelope, giving card and pen in front of you on the table.....and listen to what the Lord did with Jonathan and his armor bearerand to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you.

1 Samuel 14:13 tells us - And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and knees (*in humility*) with his armor bearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan. And as he came after him, his armor bearer killed them. ¹⁴ That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armor bearer made was about twenty men within about half an acre of land.^[a]

¹⁵ And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the raiders also trembled; and the earth quaked, so that it was a very great trembling. *Then...* ²² Likewise all the men of Israel, *when* they heard that the Philistines fled, they also followed hard after them in the battle. ²³ So the LORD saved Israel that day.

When we step out in faith on the Lord's call, He is always ready to bring the earth shaking results.....fulfill impossible visionsand draw others into the battle to help.

Please join me in seeking the Lord's calling and what it means for you personally to say to His Branches..... **"Do all that is in your heart"**.

After you have finished seeking the Lord and filled out the card, please give your donation envelope to your Table Host

Thank you so much for sharing your time this evening and having the back of His Branches.

John Gramlich