

## Valley Victory Life Group

### Kingdom Dominion-Wartime Leadership

**Cultivate Good Relationships!** “Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don’t see things the way you do. And don’t jump all over them every time they do or say something you don’t agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.” (Rom 14.1 MSG)

#### *Wartime leadership in the Church*

1. (Revelation 12:7-9 TPT) Then a terrible war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the great dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back. But the dragon did not have the power to win and they could not regain their place in heaven. So the great dragon was thrown down once and for all. He was the serpent, the ancient snake called the devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole earth. He was cast down into the earth and his angels along with him.
2. (Matthew 11:11-13 NLT) “I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is! And from the time John the Baptist began preaching until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people are attacking it. For before John came, all the prophets and the law of Moses looked forward to this present time.
3. (Matthew 11:7-9 TPT) As they were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John. “What kind of man did you see when you went out into the wilderness? Did you expect to see a man who would be easily intimidated? Who was he? Did you expect to see a man decked out in the splendid fashion of the day? Those who wear fancy clothes live like kings in palaces. Or did you encounter a true prophet out in the lonely wilderness? Yes, John was a prophet like those of the past, but he is even more than that! He was the fulfillment of this Scripture: See, I am sending my prophetic messenger who will go ahead of me and prepare hearts to receive me.
4. ***In Wartime the most fatal behaviors are timidity, fear, and apathy.*** Warfare requires leadership from daring individuals such as Peter, Paul, Moses, Joshua, Samson and David. The moral failings of these heroes can be forgiven, and their mistakes rectified, because they had courage! *In War we need intense leaders that will confront evil.*

**Commented [BC1]:** Christians are a part of a great war that includes and transcends earth. THERE ARE TWO SIDES and no one can remain neutral.

**Commented [BC2]:** Each of us was born into a war. You can either SEE IT and get involved with the winning side, or you can CLOSE YOUR EYES and think you are living at peace with it. ***Are your goals/values from a wartime viewpoint?***

**Commented [BC3]:** Consider the kind of person Jesus valued. He fellowshiped with John and considered Him a great leader. Would John’s lifestyle be considered successful by Christians today?

**Commented [BC4]:** Since we are at war we need WARTIME LEADERS. Those who display courage, decisiveness, and the will to win despite the personal cost. ***Do you have a thirst for VICTORY?***

**Commented [BC5]:** *Jesus highlighted the qualities of wartime leadership that John displayed.* He was not swayed by hardship, difficulty, or popular opinion. He was not distracted by trends, fashion or fame. *He was not afraid of conflict and would not run from a fight.*

**Commented [BC6]:** *Jesus did NOT CHOOSE one respected religious leader to work alongside.* Everyone He validated for leadership were zealous men of action. They endured many obstacles and had to forcefully advance the His message of the kingdom.

**Commented [BC7]:** THE LAST DAYS CHURCH will have leaders who are anointed for boldness and vision. The current version of pastors and leaders are being restored. ***God chooses leaders that have a heart of war, who will courageously inspire the people with force and passion.***