

We Can't Fight our Battles

alone - The Battle Belongs to
the Lord

When We Feel Helpless



2 CHRONICLES 20:1-4

→ HAVE YOU EVER FELT TOTALLY HELPLESS? Can you remember facing a situation or emergency in which you were powerless? It's a sobering experience for anyone. Even people who claim to be wholly dependent on God still like to feel as if they have some control over their circumstances.

When circumstances make you feel afraid and out of control, turn your attention away from the problem and onto our mighty God. It takes faith to reject self-sufficiency, but the Lord honors those who depend on Him.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR: 2 Chronicles 1-4

→ OPENING PRAYER ①

→ SONG = DEAN ②

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— INTRODUCTION

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Today our Lesson Theme is entitled "The Battle Belongs to the Lord". We will be reading accounts in the Old Testament. These are written for our example of how God deals with His people, and God never changes - He is The Great I AM the same yesterday, today and forever. There are over 100 Bible verses telling us that it is God's Battle NOT OURS.

→ Forrest - opening Prayer

→ SONG - DEAN

→ (Read Charles Stanley - 2 paragraphs)

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We all know the story of David, the Shepherd boy who slew Goliath with a sling shot and stone.

(1) 412 read ★ 1 Samuel 17:45-47

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Even though the battle was the Lord's, David was ready and did his part through faith - something he had done many times (protecting his flock from wild animals) Preparation.

We need to prepare ourselves for battle.

(2) 428 Read ★ Ephesians 6:11-18 (Make sure you have on the armor of God)



The Power in Prayer



MATTHEW 7:7-11

→ HAVE YOU BECOME DISILLUSIONED WITH PRAYER? Perhaps you've been persistently asking, seeking, and knocking, but God hasn't answered your request. If that's the situation, you may be wondering why so many Christians speak about the power of prayer when it seems ineffectual in your life.

Verses 9-11 of today's passage help us understand the bigger picture. Jesus draws a comparison between earthly fathers and the heavenly Father. He notes that a human father, who is flawed and limited, can give good things to his children. So it stands to reason that the heavenly Father, who is all-powerful, ~~prayer is not in a call we receive something but that we're able~~ to relate to the One who supplies all our needs.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR: 1 Chronicles 28-29

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work as if it depends on you and
Pray as if it depends upon God

We have an enemy - SATAN
We all have a Goliath - it might
be our health, our finances,
our relationships - dealing with other
people, Our guilt, depression - etc

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Read* 2 Corinthians 10:3, 4, 5 (Spiritual warfare)

(4) 282 { ^(old) Deut. 20:1 } to the
Deut 20:4 Children of Israel

(5) Read* 97 (old) Exodus 14; ~~13-14-15-16~~ 13-16 - Moses and
the parting of
the Red Sea

(6) Read* Romans 12:19
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- God will deal with those
who do us harm

Today The Lord is saying the same
thing to you in your situation, or to
someone you desire to help -
Hope in Him because He Loves you.
You don't have to live in fear
and discouragement even when you
feel attacked by things much bigger
than yourself. Remember the
Battle is Not Yours - it is The Lord's

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§ Psalm 91 tells how God
protects us

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Read ★ Psalm 91

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LIB Take your Burdens to the Lord
and Leave them there for the
Battle belongs to Him.
STRICKLY.

Chapter Exodus 17:

Tells of Moses in Battle against the enemy of Israel

When Moses held up His Rod -
Israel prevailed. But Moses's hands
became heavy, so they took a stone
and put it under him and Aaron and
Hur supported his hands, one on one
side and the other on the other side -
And his hands were steady until
the sun went down -

When our brothers and sisters
are fighting their personal battle
we can hold up their hands
in prayer and support

EVEN THOUGH THE BATTLE IS THE LORDS,
HE PUT US HERE TO DO OUR PART, & THAT
MIGHT BE FOR US, TO HOLD UP A BROTHER OR
SISTER HANDS.