

Running Into The Battle (Part 4)

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So far, in three messages we have talked about quite a few principles that help us RUN INTO THE BATTLE.

Our Key Text for the series has been

1 Samuel 17:48

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

I said that through the messages in this series, I felt that the Holy Spirit wanted to speak fresh encouragement and breath new empowerment into our lives by giving us the strength, and faith to do what David did - run into the battle - engage, fight, and see the Philistines and the Goliath's that we face in our lives defeated.

PART 1 (DAVID) - RUNNING INTO

- Let your Strength be renewed by what The Father has provided for you
- Strengthen yourself in the Lord
- Repeat the promises of victory
- Don't be discouraged by other people's fear or assessments of you
- Recount the victories that God has already done through you
- Don't try to use other people's techniques
- Move forward in faith rather than stand still in fear
- Magnify the strength of our God not the size of The giant
- Run to the battle not away from it
- Finish the battle

PART 2 (GIDEON) - CHANGING OUR PERSPECTIVE

- God Cares for YOU
- God has a PLAN
- The Battle always begins by CRYING OUT TO GOD for Help
- OBEDIENCE and REPENTANCE are KEYS to our Victory
- Don't Settle for INCOMPLETE Man-made Versions of Victory
- God CALLS OUT THE WARRIOR in us.
- Before you run into the battle, TEAR DOWN ALL THE IDOLS in your household

PART 3 (GIDEON) - BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE BATTLE

- Questions are ok
- God's ways are not our ways
- Keep listening for the prophetic word of God
- The Sword of The Lord and Gideon (we can't do this ourselves)
- You shouldn't try to force others to fight the battle with you
- The Battle Beyond The Battle
 - Don't let pride in the victory become a snare for you
 - Today's Victories are always tomorrow's battles

PART 4 (AARON & HUR) - RUNNING IN TO HELP

Exodus 17

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. **2** So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?”

3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

4 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

5 The Lord answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6** I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. **7** And he called the place Massah {Testing} and Meribah {Quarreling} because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

8 The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. **9** Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.”

10 So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. **11** As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. **12** When Moses' hands

grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.
13 So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

14 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven.”

15 Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner. **16** He said, “Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the Lord, the Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”

There are two battles recounted in this chapter that represent two different ways the enemy attacks us.

1. The Battle Within (Circumstances that lead us to turn against each other and even against the Lord)
2. The Battle from Without (An outside enemy - or agent of THE ENEMY) attacks us.

Two Interpretive Texts:

Galatians 6:2 (ESV)

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

THREE WAYS WE CAN HELP (*List some specific people and specific things you can do to help them in these ways*)

1. Support (to relieve the burden)
2. Encourage (to speak life, hope, faith, and strength into)
3. Lift Them Up (Prayer, but also physical assistance in the battle)

THREE FORMS OF HELP

1. Physical
2. Spiritual
3. Verbal

WHAT THEY DON'T NEED FROM US

They don't need you to tell them what to do in the battle or how you would do it differently or what they are doing wrong. They don't need you to take over and do it for them. - They need your HELP, your SUPPORT, your ENCOURAGEMENT. They need you to LIFT THEM UP. They don't need you to add more burdens to the load they are already trying to carry.

FILTERS FOR VERBAL HELP

In regards to VERBAL HELP there are some things I want to remind you about. So often, our words hurt rather than help. They tear down rather than build up.

I think we need to slow down and run the things we are going to say through 5 different filters before we say anything

WHAT WE SAY (The content of the message)

HOW WE SAY IT (The tone makes all the difference in the world. You can have the right content but share it in a way that cancels out all the truth involved. A way that adds burden rather than carries it)

WHEN WE SAY IT (There are appropriate and inappropriate times to share certain things)

WHERE WE SAY IT (Again consider the audience and how having others hear what you are sharing may or may not make them feel)

WHY WE SAY IT (This will filter out a lot of things that will NOT help. Too often the real reason why we are saying something has more to do with our own thoughts, desires and ways of thinking than it does the person we are "TRYING TO HELP")
Remember my message a few months back entitled "It's Not About You"

WHO NEEDS YOUR HELP TODAY?

Husbands, your wives need your help in the battles they face (support, encouragement, assistance)

And maybe that battle is taking care of the kids and the house, trying to be a good spouse, or maybe they work full time and are trying to raise a family too, their own personal self-esteem, relationship issues, health battles, spiritual growth

Wives, your husbands need your help in the battles they face (support, encouragement, assistance)

Maybe that battle is getting up and going to work, trying to figure out how to pay the bills, trying to stay on top of everything, health struggles, spiritual battles

Children, your parents need your help in the battles they face

Parents, your children need your help in the battles they face

Going to school, cultural influences, direction in life knowing what to do, being successful, getting good grades, feeling accepted, approval at home.

Younger People, those who are older need your help in the battles they face

Older Generation, Younger people need your help in the battles they face

Believers, there are Brothers and Sisters in Christ who need your help in the battles they face. They need someone to run in to help bear their burdens, someone to encourage them, someone to lift them up.