

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TURNING DEFEAT INTO VICTORY

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PART 3: GOING ON THE OFFENSIVE

MOVE INTO THE SUPERNATURAL

As we want to learn how to go on the offensive and attack the strongholds of the enemy, it is important not lose focus that the battle we face on a daily basis takes place in the spirit world. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Ephesians 6:10-12**

When Gideon called for the men of Israel to gather for battle, he didn't have time to set up a training program. The enemy had already assembled, and if Gideon and his men were going to fight, they would have to do so without any preparation. **Judges 7:1**

I am sure that local military commanders from the different tribes of Israel wanted to have a strategy meeting to coordinate the different units from each tribe into a cohesive army, but God was not going to have them to fight in the flesh; instead, God would do the fighting, and instead of battle preparations, God wanted to reduce the ranks of the fighting men. **verses 2-7**

In the mind of Gideon and the men of Israel, it must have looked as if God was taking them on a suicide mission, but the remaining 300 men and Gideon submitted to God and didn't question the plan even though it was 480 years later that God gave prophetic insight to Isaiah. **Isaiah 55:7-11**

GOD GAVE GIDEON ANOTHER SIGN

God knows every thought of man and He knew that Gideon and his 300 men were discussing how this coming battle would shape up. God wanted Gideon to take a step of faith and get close to the enemy to find out what they were thinking. **Judges 7:8-15**

THE BATTLE PLAN

God told Gideon to attack the enemy at night. Armies at that time fighting during darkness would have pathfinders with them. By dividing the men into three companies of pathfinders, it would deceive the enemy into thinking that three different armies were coming at them since each pathfinder would be leading thousands of men into battle.

But there were no soldiers behind them; they were just 300 pathfinders with a light and a trumpet. If the enemy found out that this was a bluff, the 300 men would be hunted down and killed. It took great faith for Gideon and his men to expose themselves to 120,000 enemy soldiers and make a war cry. **verses 16-20**



GOD STEPS INTO THE BATTLE

Gideon and his men showed great faith and God responded by moving angels into the battlefield and supernaturally confused the enemy soldiers so that they started to kill each other and the remainder fled for their lives. **verses 21-22**

Take note that God defeated the enemy in the supernatural, but the Israelites had to clear out the remnant and take control themselves! verses 23-25

NEVER TOUCH THE GLORY OF GOD!

The people of Israel were impressed by Gideon and wanted to make him their king but Gideon knew that the battle had been the Lord's and that he had no power without God. He wisely refused to be king and gave the honor to God. **Judges 8:22-23**

WHAT ARE YOU FACING RIGHT NOW?

Every Christian will face challenges in his life. It can be sickness, loss of income, death of a loved one, marriage problems, and issues with children, etc. What guidance is there from God on these matters?

1. It is important to recognize that you cannot defeat the forces of Satan that are afflicting you in your own strength. Job could not defeat Satan in the flesh. **Job 1:16-17; 2:1-10**
2. Start seeking the Lord and ask Him to reveal why you are being attacked. Is it because you are walking with God or because you have been disobedient? **Psalm 139:23-24**
3. If you are ingesting food and drink that is not good for you, smoking, drugs, etc. you cannot blame an attack on the Devil that you caused yourself. You need to repent and turn away from the lifestyle that has hurt you. **1 Corinthians 3:16-17**
4. Do what you are supposed to do. After you have lined up with the Word of God, move in the power of the Holy Spirit as Jesus has commanded you to do. **Romans 12:1-2; Mark 16:15-20**

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD! Matthew 19:26

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?