

Moving

FORWARD

2023

Jeremiah 12:1-4^(MSG)

You are right, O God, and you set things right. I can't argue with that. But I do have some questions: Why do bad people have it so good? Why do con artists make it big? You planted them and they put down roots. They flourished and produced fruit. They talk as if they're old friends with you, but they couldn't care less about you. Meanwhile, you know *me* inside and out. You don't let me get by with a thing! Make them pay for the way they live, pay with their lives, like sheep marked for slaughter. How long do we have to put up with this— the country depressed, the farms in ruin— And all because of wickedness, these wicked lives? Even animals and birds are dying off Because they'll have nothing to do with God and think God has nothing to do with them.

Jeremiah 12:5 (MSG)

So, Jeremiah, if you're worn out in this footrace with men, what makes you think you can race against horses? And if you can't keep your wits during times of calm, what's going to happen when troubles break loose like the Jordan in flood?

Deuteronomy 20:1-4^(MSG)

When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you.

² When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward and address the army. ³ He shall say: "Hear, Israel: Today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not panic or be terrified by them. ⁴ For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

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It is not an absence of battle that
makes you victorious.

There will never be a victory
without a battle.

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2 Types of Battles in Life

1. Advancement – The Battle in order to move forward
2. Adversity – The Battle the devil picks w/ you

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Often, what we see doesn't line
up with what we've heard.

The background is a dark, almost black, space filled with numerous small, bright stars and larger, colorful streaks of light. The streaks are primarily purple, blue, and green, with some red and orange. They appear to be moving or radiating from a central point, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is reminiscent of a nebula or a starburst.

God always sends a word before He
sends something by sight.

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