

A BATTLEFIELD VIEW

To do battle is not a option ... **Isaiah 54:17** , **Romans 8:37**, **Jeremiah 12:5**, **John 16:33**

Daniel 3: The three Hebrew boys, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood up to the King as they refused to bow to the golden idol.

1a) Know thy enemy..... We battle life, flesh, emotions, addictions, mental issues or self-inflicted wounds. We also battle against the enemy of our soul. In any battle it is important to know the enemy.

Daniel 3 ¹⁶ *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter".*

They are _____ your enemy _____ they have declared so, NOR should we by declare/create/manufacture/make-up enemies of our own. The _____ designation is not a _____ position (Consider Saul/Paul)

b) Who is the enemy? Eph 6: ¹² *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

c) Am I the enemy? 2 Cor 10: ⁵ *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

d) A very _____ definition: Neh 4 ¹⁷ *They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.*

The weapon was not to strike anyone _____ the one who touched the wall or got in the way of rebuilding. Not every mocking voice was a threat.

2) Entering the fight, What is your battle cry (Identity flag)? In every _____, the protagonist _____ their identity and their might: money, resources, connections, the latest tech, weapons, a Kingdom behind them. It does not matter what the battle _____ on paper.....but God is central to all battles. We trust in God _____.

Psalm 20:7

Exodus 17:8

Daniel 3 ¹⁷ *If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.*

While _____ are _____ in any battle, the presence of _____ is a _____ and _____ condition for victory. _____ in God does not come naturally...it is continually _____

2 Timothy 1:12 for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able

Romans 8: 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life,

Psalm 37:25 ²⁵ I have been young, and now am old; yet

3. Victory is _____ ...do not give it up.

What does victory look like? Consider John , Stephen, and Daniel.

Philippians ²¹ *For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

Daniel 3 ¹⁸ *But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up. "*

There is no self-preservation, but we can be saved: *Mathew 24* ⁹ "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.... But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

My prayer in the valley: Lord, help me know _____ and _____ to fight, always _____ and _____ you first, for whatever becomes of the battle, I will _____ or _____, while on _____ side.