



Get Ready! Get Ready!

Pt. 2

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I. Intro

A. Text: **Ps. 144:1**

*“Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle. My lovingkindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.*

**(Psalm 144:1)**

B. This verse highlights God’s role in providing strength for both literal and spiritual warfare, serving as a refuge and granting victory.

1. God as Rock and strength. Like David, let us first acknowledge that all our capabilities in our warfare comes from God, not ourselves.
2. Training for Battle. God is the one who prepares and enables believers to face all struggles in life, spiritual, emotional, or physical challenges.
3. Protection and Deliverance. God is our “Fortress”, our “Stronghold”, our “Shield,” God is our All-powerful active protector in times of trouble.
4. Victory and Submission.
  - a. God is always Victorious over our enemies and when we submit to His leadership and walk in The Spirit of Truth we are made strong even through the toughest of times.
  - b. Christ is our Salvation, the provider of Wisdom, Gifts, Knowledge, Hope, Faith, Grace, Strength, Truth, Discernment, Righteousness, The sword of the Spirit, Peace.
  - c. Therefore if we are in Christ we are not unarmed.

C. So, Get ready! Get Ready!

1. For What?
  - a. To be unified in the body of Christ.
  - b. To be of service for the sake of Christ.
  - c. To allow God to take hold of this body of believers and use us as He chooses.

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- d. To battle for the lost, the broken, the unknowing, letting them know that Christ is the answer.
  - e. To bring the gospel of Christ to this city, to our unsaved family, friends, enemies, and to anyone God calls us to proclaim the gospel to.
  - f. To pray and fast as a lifestyle
  - g. To be willing to be poured out and filled with the Holy Spirits work in us continually!

2. Why?

- a. Check the times we live in. (We all marvel at the condition of the world today). We all want to see change. Amen?
- b. Change won't come by spectating and complaining. Neither will Revival!

*"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* **(2 Chronicles 7:14)**

D. The call to action!

*"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."* **(Mark 16:15)**

1. Now you might say to yourself, "where do I serve in all of this?" "I am not a preacher or teacher or an evangelist.
2. Ahh, but you are indeed a member of the body of Christ and you do have at least one gift that contributes not only to the ability to spread the gospel but also to serve in the body as a member of this unified Army of God!
3. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:4-14** Read together.
  - a. Therefore, May I Encourage you all to get Ready! Get Ready?!
  - b. For this body of believers are encouraged to accept the direction that the gospel points us to!

E. We are at war!

1. This war is deeper than what we see on the outside all around us.
2. No, what we see throughout the world is a result of what is happening in this Spiritual war. We wrestle not against flesh and blood!

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3. In fact, our weapons against the unseen can't be fought in the flesh.

*“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled!” (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:3-6)*

4. Sounds like VICTORY to me!!

F. Mount Up!

1. Are you willing to pick up your cross and take the gospel to a suffering world?
  - a. And if not, why not?
2. We are in a war whether you believe it or not and our weapons are not carnal, or worldly. They are divinely empowered, By God, to destroy spiritual strongholds, arguments, and vain imaginations!

II. Conclusion Let us acknowledge and “Get Ready Get Ready” to the call to the spreading of the gospel!

- A. Get ready by surrender and obedience!
- B. Let us understand that we are at War!
- C. Let us all be united in the Spirit of God!
- D. Let us bless the LORD who trains our Hand for War!
- E. Get ready! Get Ready!
- F. This world is waiting!