

STOP FIGHTING

With a world that's literally gone crazy and spiritual warfare encircles our daily lives, I came to remind you this morning the battle belongs to God!

Stop carrying what was never yours to try and win alone!

2 Chron 20:12-24 NKJV O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes *are* upon You."

¹³ Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the Lord.

¹⁴ Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. ¹⁵ And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God's. ¹⁶ Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the [\[d\]](#)brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷ You will not *need* to fight in this *battle*. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord *is* with you."

¹⁸ And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the Lord, worshiping the Lord. ¹⁹ Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with voices loud and high.

²⁰ So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." ²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

**“Praise the Lord,
For His mercy *endures* forever.”**

²² Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. ²³ For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy *them*. And when they ^[e]had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

²⁴ So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there *were* their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

Our deliverance is found in God’s presence

v. 12, 13

Jehoshaphat faced a great multitude that included combined nations, there’s no way they could win, at least not in their own power

This affected all of Judah, their children and wives stood before the Lord knowing they were defeated and had no might

They had to acknowledge total dependency on God

Remember, we lose when we try fighting battles He never meant for us to carry alone

2 Chron 20:15 the battle is not yours but God’s!

Church, we must stop fighting and instead start relying on divine power rather than human strength

Let’s break down v. 17

You will not need to fight in this battle

Most battles are won by surrendering the fight to God, like Jehoshaphat and Judah did

Why? Our battles aren't human but instead spiritual

Church, victory comes from divine intervention, not physical strength

Eph 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ^[b]wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of ^[c]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

When will we learn to stop fighting in His place and start surrendering it to the one who has unlimited power?

He knows how to work it out for our good. Our efforts at best only make things worse!

Position yourselves

This means to not take a position of war but instead a place of prayer and praise

Every person was commanded to take their positions, which was a position of worship, v. 21,22

The Levites began praising with strong voices and the appointed singers that praise which God is enthroned in according to Psalm 22:3 and that praise invites His ruling presence

Commentary on **Psalm 22:3** in Bible

Praise many times is God's strategy that precedes our victory

The results of praise are profound. God's presence confounds our enemies like He did the 3 armies

Stand still and see His power

Church, we look at standing still as giving the enemy an advantage or laziness, but instead it's a position of faith

It cultivates spiritual endurance and a quiet confidence in our God's ability and power to meet our every need!

Listen, God's already stepping in!

A position of trust and obedience, actively waiting on God to move and refusing to panic or run – it's a stance of complete faith in the one who never fails!

Do not fear or be dismayed

God promises that we shouldn't fear or be discouraged by the size of our problem or enemy. Why? Because our God is always greater than our adversary!

1 John 4:4 NIV You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Say Greater!

Go out against them tomorrow for the Lord is with you

Yes, God is going to fight our battle, but we must still move forward in faith knowing He is going to show up!

v. 21-24 from Bible

It's spiritual confidence!

Church, the goal is to see God move and that everyone sees that He gets all the glory!

Stop fighting in His place and against others because ultimately God's presence gives us victory!