

# The Battle Belongs to the Lord

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What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Romans 8:31 (NASB95)

**1. Look to the Lord for guidance.  
Not at the battle itself.**

After this, the armies of the Moabites, Ammonites, and some of the Meunites declared war on Jehoshaphat.<sup>2</sup> Messengers came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army from Edom is marching against you from beyond the Dead Sea. They are already at Hazazon-tamar." (This was another name for En-gedi.)

<sup>3</sup> Jehoshaphat was terrified by this news and begged the Lord for guidance. He also ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting.<sup>4</sup> So people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to seek the Lord's help.<sup>5</sup> Jehoshaphat stood before the community of Judah and Jerusalem in front of the new courtyard at the Temple of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> He prayed, "O Lord, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you!<sup>7</sup> O our God, did you not drive out those who lived in this land when your people Israel arrived? And did you not give this land forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham?<sup>8</sup> Your people settled here and built this Temple to honor your name.<sup>9</sup> They said, 'Whenever we are faced with any calamity such as war, plague, or famine, we can come to stand in your presence before this Temple where your name is honored. We can cry out to you to save us, and you will hear us and rescue us.'

2 Chron 20:1-9 (NLT)

**2. Let God fight your battles!**

...and he said, "Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's. 2 Chron 20:15 (NASB95)

"This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands." 1 Sam 17:46-47 (NASB95)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Eph 6:12 (NASB95)

"Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria nor because of all the horde that is with him; for the one with us is greater than the one with him. 2 Chron 32:7 (NASB95)

**3. We are required to be obedient.**  
But you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the Lord's victory. He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, for the Lord is with you!" 2 Chron 20:17 (NLT)

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