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The Battle is the Lord's ~ Pastor Trey Dickerson

Well, since our last newsletter, things have changed in our world. This pandemic that has affected the entire world has radically altered all of our lives, creating various challenges where we must believe God for our physical and financial needs. So, with that said, I want to encourage you this month with a passage of Scripture out of one of my favorite chapters in the Bible—Second Chronicles chapter 20.

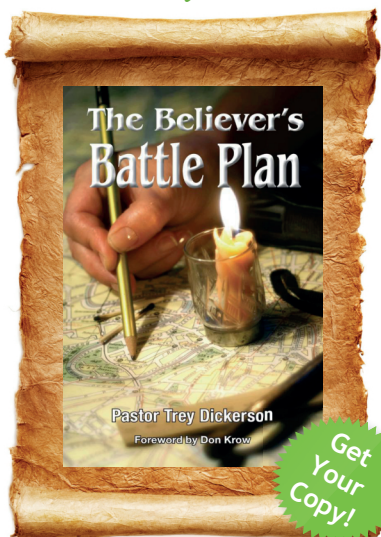
In the beginning of this awesome chapter, we see that King Jehoshaphat was under siege by several of the “Ites” that the children of Israel were constantly being harassed by. And in the midst of this battle for their faith, a prophet arose and spoke the following words— “Thus says the Lord to you: Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.” (Verse 15)

What an awesome statement this is that the Holy Spirit made at the end of verse 15 and one that applies to every area of our life— “The battle is not yours, but God’s!” We would do good to continuously reflect on this truth, especially in the situation we now find ourselves in.

For example, some of us have been impacted financially by it. Perhaps we have money in the stock market that is



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A WORD FROM SHANNON

Could you use a little more peace in your life? Isaiah 26:3 says, “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”

He is the only one who has the solution for peace because He is the Prince of Peace. (See Isaiah 9:6) He promises to guard and keep us in perfect and constant peace. That means that no matter what is going on around us, He is continually

defending and protecting us from anything that threatens to steal our peace. The only thing He asks us to do is to keep our entire beings connected to Him.

To do this, we have to seek intimacy with Him. We have to know Him so well, know that His Word is true and that He wants the very best for us.

I want to encourage you to spend time with your Heavenly Father because intimacy with and trust in Him will usher in the peace that originates with Him alone.

(“The Battle is the Lord’s” continued)

plummeting. Perhaps we own a business and it is losing money as well. Maybe we were sent home by our employer with no pay and we do not know what tomorrow holds for us. Whatever our situation is, we need to remind ourselves that the battle is indeed not ours; the battle belongs to God! Yes, whatever challenge we are faced with, it is His battle, and He is resolved to fight it for us. Hallelujah!

But do you know what happens when we see the challenges we encounter as our battles? Notice again what the Lord said before He said, “for the battle is not yours, but God’s.” He encouraged them to “not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude.”

By including that word “for” before saying, “the battle is not yours, but God’s,” the Lord is telling us why we are not to be afraid or dismayed when these “ites” come against us. It was because it was not even their battle; it was God’s. He told them not to be afraid or dismayed because the battle was not even theirs to fight.

You see, if the battle was ours then we would have every reason to be afraid—because we know that we have limitations. We know that there are many problems that we will encounter that are beyond our control. So, if these battles were indeed ours, we most definitely would have every reason to fear.

So, let me ask you a question: Are you ever afraid of God losing any of His battles? Of course, you’re not! Then can you guess why we fear when alarming situations enter our life? That’s right—it is because we see them as our battles and not God’s. Yes, the only reason we become dismayed is because we incorrectly view these huge and insurmountable problems as our own battles and not as the Lord’s. It’s tight but it’s right.

Therefore, if we are afraid and worried it is for one of two reasons: Either we do not believe God can handle it for us or we do not believe He will handle it for us. But the truth is—God has said that every battle we find ourselves in is not our battle; they are His battles. Therefore, if we saw our problems in this light, we would be full of peace in the midst of the storm because we know that God is more

than able to take care of these situations.

Very quickly then, let me give you a very practical way to enter into the faith that our battle is indeed the Lord’s:

Sanctify your heart—that is, separate yourself for a period of time with the Lord and remind Him that He is fighting for you. Now I understand that He doesn’t need

reminding. but we certainly do. And the Lord loves it when His children tell Him who He is and what He has said. But don’t spend a lot of time acknowledging the problem you face; we need to acknowledge the Answer to the problem we are faced with. This will set your heart apart from fear and into faith, where every battle is won!

My friend, this is a wonderful time for us to exercise our faith and grow in our knowledge of this one thing— The battle belongs to the Lord, but the victory belongs to us. Amen!

If this truth has ministered to you today, I encourage you to get our book—The Believer’s Battle Plan—where we cover all of Second Chronicles chapter 20. You can order your copy through our website or by contacting us through the information below. Be blessed!

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