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- a. Important scriptures, such as our memory verse.
- b. Amazing and relevant Bible stories.
- c. Key points that make up the exciting messages planned for this entire series.
- d. A place to stamp for each service attended.

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THE LORD IS WITH YOU

Gideon was a great soldier, but perhaps not in his own eyes. Even after God had told him he was a mighty warrior, Gideon still thought of himself as small, the least of his family, and pretty much nothing. Of course, we know he was wrong! The truth was quite different, as we soon learned. Yes the truth is that when we are weak, God makes us strong.

How did Gideon become the mighty man we read about in the Bible? The keys to Gideon's victory were simple: Gideon had to tear down those idols around his life. What's an idol? Simply put, it's anything that you think is more important than God.

We need to remember to put Him first, and then everything else will fall into place. If we follow Gideon's example and focus on God, we too can have the victory.

Another thing he learned is that the enemy is scared silly of us, because the battle has already been won. When Gideon heard the fear in the enemy's camp, he was filled with confidence for the day of battle. Now of course your enemy isn't a neighbor or classmate. We battle not against flesh and blood. But we do have a fight of faith, and the simple truth is that our Heavenly Father is with us all the time. Put simply, you got this!

Gideon was a bit hesitant at first, but he got confident really quickly. You too can get that confidence by tearing down the idols, and remembering that when you are weak, He is strong. That's right, the Lord is with you, and you are the enemy's worst nightmare!



THE LORD IS WITH YOU

The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

"But sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."

The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

"But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."

Judges 6:11-16 NIV



1. God makes the weak _____. History is filled with people like David, Moses and Gideon, who may have seemed weak in their own eyes. But that's just the type of soldier God is looking for. Remember you serve a mighty God!

"'But Lord,' Gideon asked, 'how can I possibly save Israel? My family group is the weakest in the tribe of Manasseh. And I'm the least important member of my family.' The Lord answered, 'I will be with you. So you will strike down the men of Midian all at one time.'"

Judges 6:15-16 NIRV

A. WEAKER

B. PAY

C. STRONG

2. Get the _____ out of your life. Remember that anything we make more important than God is an idol. The enemy would like you to be distracted, so he can take the victory away. Don't let that happen, soldier! Seek God first, and when you do, you'll find triumph!

"Tear down the altar your father built in honor of Baal. Cut down the pole that is beside it. The pole is used to worship the goddess Asherah." Judges 6:25 NIRV

A. JUNK

B. PRAISE

C. ARTILLERY

3. You are the enemy's worst _____! It's true. Problems and challenges can seem intimidating. Even worse, you might be hearing a voice telling you there's no chance of you winning. But don't forget the voice of God, the voice that reminds you that greater is He that is in you. Yes that's right: you *will* win the battle!

"This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands." Judges 7:14 NIRV

A. BUNKER

B. FAITH

C. NIGHTMARE



Memory Verse: "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31 NKJV

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BE ALL YOU CAN BE

In basic training, one of the things we learn is this: the key ingredient to being a successful soldier is *discipline*. If you lack that, you aren't going to be worth much in the heat of a battle. No sir! But how do you get discipline in your life? A good drill sergeant is going to tell you a few rules that can help, that's for sure. And given that we're *all* soldiers in God's army, these rules also apply in our lives as well!

Rule number one is to challenge those excuses. If we want to live a disciplined life, we've got to lay aside every hindrance that keeps us from becoming the soldier God wants us to be. Like Daniel who fasted and prayed daily, we have to stop the whining, and start the winning. No more excuses! Soldiers march just one step at a time, so take that first step right now.

Rule number two is to focus on the result! We've got to keep our eyes on the prize and set goals we can achieve with God's help. Without vision, you'll wander around aimlessly. That's not you, is it? No it's not, because we know our marching orders are from the Lord. Whether those footsteps are big or small, set a goal and keep walking along the path towards that goal. God will help you get there, so long as you keep your head up with eyes focused on the prize.

Rule number three is to make discipline your lifestyle. This isn't some short term thing. Discipline is a way of living. In fact, a disciplined lifestyle will free you and bring you success on and off the battlefield.

So are you ready for success? Keep with these rules and you'll get that discipline you need, soldier! It's time to be all you can be!



BE ALL YOU CAN BE

“No training seems pleasant at the time. In fact, it seems painful. But later on it produces a harvest of godliness and peace. It does that for those who have been trained by it.”

Hebrews 12:11 NIRV

“God didn’t give us a spirit that makes us weak and fearful. He gave us a spirit that gives us power and love. It helps us control ourselves.”

2 Timothy 1:7 NIRV

“But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.” **Galatians 5:22-23 NIRV**

“Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all.”

– **George Washington**

“The truth is that you always know the right thing to do. The tough part is doing it.” - **General Norman Schwarzkopf**



1. _____ your excuses. You're a soldier in God's army, and it's time to train for battle. Heroes like Gideon and Moses at first gave excuses to God about why they weren't ready for service. Fortunately they soldiered up, and became the heroes we read about in the Bible. Don't give God excuses, especially when He's ready to give you victory!

"So let us throw off everything that stands in our way. Let us throw off any sin that holds on to us so tightly. Let us keep on running the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1 NIRV

A. SUPPORT

B. CHALLENGE

C. DEFEND

2. _____ on the result. Remember God has a great battle plan for where you're going to be. Don't give up! You will become a lean, mean fighting machine, because God wants you to have the victory. Focus on being all you can be, and aim high!

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."

1 Corinthians 9:24 NIRV

A. FOCUS

B. GO

C. LEAVE

3. Discipline is a _____. The Marines slogan is "Semper Fi." It means "always faithful," which is a lifestyle that we as Christians need to adopt. Discipline isn't some short-term goal. It's a lifelong practice that keeps you always ready, always faithful, and always victorious.

"Make level paths for your feet to walk on. Only go on ways that are firm. Don't turn to the right or left. Keep your feet from the path of evil." Proverbs 4:26-27 NIRV

A. PROBLEM

B. SITUATION

C. LIFESTYLE



Memory Verse: *“Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.” Proverbs 25:28 NIV*

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WITH YOUR HEART AND SOUL

The Philistine army had a lot of soldiers ready to fight Israel. Just how many? The Bible tells us there were “as many as the grains of sand on the seashore.” No wonder King Saul and the people of Israel were frozen with fear. They hid in caves, thickets, rocks, holes, and pits – anywhere they could!

Yet two very brave young soldiers weren’t scared. Jonathan and his armor bearer were going to do something, no matter the odds, because they knew the kind of God we serve. Jonathan told his friend that if God was with them, then it really didn’t matter how many soldiers they faced. And his friend answered right back, “I’m with you all the way.”

Wow, what a team! That was just the spark Israel needed. Jonathan and his friend had faith in God, and suddenly things began to turn around against the Philistines.

King Saul heard what was going on, and in 1 Samuel 14:16, it tells us what his lookouts saw: “They saw the Philistine army melting away in all directions.”

That’s right! One moment an overwhelming situation had them frozen in fear. But with God’s help, it was melting away in all directions. And if that’s something you’d like to see happen, perhaps it’s time to take some advice from Jonathan and his armor bearing friend.

First, don’t be frozen with fear. As Jonathan put it, if the Lord is with you, it doesn’t matter the size of your problem. Jonathan trusted the Lord all the way. And God didn’t let him down.

Second, find yourself an armor bearer. Jonathan had a friend that would listen, be true, and be with him “heart and soul.” It’s so important to have a friend to confide in when challenges arise. And if you know someone going through an overwhelming situation, there’s nothing better than to be there for a friend, heart and soul.

Finally, remember faith in our Heavenly Father is the fire that can melt away all doubts, worries and fear. Because of His great power, Israel saw the Philistine army melt away.

Soldier, we serve the same great God today. He’s with you heart and soul! Team up with others, and have faith in Him, and you too can watch your worries melt away.



WITH YOUR HEART AND SOUL

Jonathan spoke to the young man carrying his armor. He said, "Come on. Let's go over to the camp of those fellows who aren't circumcised. Perhaps the Lord will help us. If he does, it won't matter how many or how few of us there are. That won't keep the Lord from saving us."

"Go ahead," the young man said. "Do everything you have in mind. I'm with you all the way."

Jonathan said, "Come on, then. We'll go across the pass toward the Philistines and let them see us. Suppose they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you.' Then we'll stay where we are. We won't go up to them. But suppose they say, 'Come up to us.' Then we'll climb up. That will show us that the Lord has handed them over to us."

So Jonathan and the young man let the soldiers in the Philistine camp see them. "Look!" said the Philistines. "Some of the Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in." The men in the Philistine camp shouted to Jonathan and the young man carrying his armor. They said, "Come on up here. We'll teach you a thing or two."

So Jonathan said to the young man, "Climb up after me. The Lord has handed them over to Israel."

Then panic struck the whole Philistine army. It struck those who were in the camp and those in the field. It struck those who were at the edge of the camp. It also struck those who were in the groups that had been sent out to attack Israel. The ground shook. It was a panic that God had sent.

Saul's lookouts at Gibeah in the land of Benjamin saw what was happening. They saw the Philistine army melting away in all directions.

1 Samuel 14:6-12, 15-16 NIRV



1. Faith conquers _____. In our Bible, we read how many were stopped cold by the size of the Philistine Army. But as Jonathan put it, if the Lord is with you, nothing else really matters. He wasn't concerned with the size of his challenge, because he knew the size of his God.

A. FEAR

B. FAITH

C. PRAYER

"Perhaps the LORD will help us, for nothing can hinder the LORD. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!"

1 Samuel 14:6 NLT

2. _____ an armor bearer. Jonathan had a buddy, an encourager and faithful source of support. One great way to find victory in life is to do what he did: Find yourself a friend that listens, is true, and is "with you heart and soul."

A. FIGHT

B. FIND

C. ESCAPE

"Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul." 1 Samuel 14:7 NIV

3. God will _____ those fears away. Remember faith in our Heavenly Father is the fire that can melt away all doubts, worries and fear. Because of His great power, Israel saw the Philistine army melt away. We serve the same great God today. Team up with others, and have faith in Him, and you too can watch your worries melt away.

A. MELT

B. CREATE

C. TANK

"Saul's lookouts at Gibeah in the land of Benjamin saw what was happening. They saw the Philistine army melting away in all directions." 1 Samuel 14:16 NIRV



Memory Verse: *"I looked to the Lord, and He answered me. He saved me from everything I was afraid of." Psalm 34:4 NIRV*

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USE YOUR NIGHT VISION

At night, soldiers have quite the challenge. Imagine making your way through the dark and murky woods late in the evening, with trouble and dangers left and right. Which way do you go? How can you make it through safely? Fortunately, all soldiers have their training to rely on. And possibly some even have a pair of night vision goggles! Have you ever tried a pair of those on? While wearing them, you can see in the dark much easier, and that's pretty handy.

In our Bibles, Job had some dark, dark days along his tour of duty. Of course, we're not talking about the absence of light. No, we're talking about bad news. God's Word says he suffered tremendous loss after tremendous loss, going through storm after storm. He had problems all around him, and he was completely in the dark about why. But when we read his story, the awesome part is he still somehow kept his faith, and vision clear.

Our rough patches in life may not be as bad as what Job went through, but we all go through some dark times. In fact, it may be difficult to see straight through the darkness at all. Things just might seem hopeless. But just like a good soldier knows to put on his night vision goggles, what we have to do is see things with eyes of faith.

You see, God wants to help us through the darkness. We can walk straight when we walk by faith, and if we focus our vision on Him. He's the light of the world, and He'll lead us to safety. We just have to remember to use that night vision!



USE YOUR NIGHT VISION

"Job continued to speak. He said, 'How I long for the good old days! That's when God watched over me. The light of his lamp shone on me. I walked through darkness by his light.'" **Job 29:1-3 NIRV**

"We live by faith, not by sight." **2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV**

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **John 8:12 NIV**

"Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on their God." **Isaiah 50:10 NIV**

"Your word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
Psalms 119:105 NKJV

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." **Psalms 23:4 NKJV**



1. _____ comes to everyone. It gets dark out there from time to time, regardless of who you are. It's not just you! We all experience challenges in life.

"He causes his sun to shine on evil people and good people. He sends rain on those who do right and those who don't." Matthew 5:45 NIRV

A. NIGHTTIME B. COMBAT C. MARCHING

2. Look through _____ eyes. God has given us a unique version of night vision goggles: a little thing called faith. When it gets hard to see straight, start seeing things with your faith. Despite the darkness, your training can get you through safely.

"We live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV

A. TWO B. SPIRITUAL C. CROSS

3. God is not _____ of the dark. He is the Light of the World, and can lead us in the right direction when we turn to Him. Turn your eyes upon Jesus, and He will be a light unto your path.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 NIV

A. AFRAID B. REGRETFUL C. MOURNFUL



Memory Verse: "We live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV

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GUARD THAT BEAN PATCH

Beans! For many years every soldier would count on this one food item on the menu. It's easy to store, cook, and contains plenty of protein. The Navy gets the gravy, but the Army gets the beans. Ugh. But do we really have to eat beans all the time?

Yes, soldiers might get sick of beans on the menu. And here's a question for you: are beans worth fighting for? If you ask Shammah that, you might get a surprising answer. He's a real fighter we can read about in our Bibles. This soldier stood tall in the day of battle, and against overwhelming odds, he defended a bean patch! Say what? Yes, he fought hard to protect ...*beans!*

But why a bean patch? The answer is simple: why not? An invading army was attacking, and he decided to draw a line in the sand right there and then. He proclaimed to the world that this is worth fighting for. Picture him standing there in the field yelling, "Keep away from my beans!"

Okay, he may not have said that *exactly*. But he did stand up for the little things in his life. And yes, in our lives, we've simply got to stand up for the little things too. Every day we fight a battle with the world to be in it and not of it. Every day we have to stand our ground! We can't compromise, because if we give any ground, we could be losing even more territory in the future. Once you start giving in to temptation here or there, it's a slippery path that can lead to complete defeat. That's why it's important that we too stand up and protect even the small things in our lives.

The great thing about this battle is that we are never standing alone. Just like with Shammah, God is right behind us all the way. All we've got to do is stand up and hold our ground. Keep diligent with your time, and the things you do throughout your day. In other words, guard that bean patch!



GUARD THAT BEAN PATCH

Here are the names of David's mighty men.

Josheb-Basshebeth was chief of the Three. He was a Tahkemonite. He used his spear against 800 men. He killed all of them at one time. Next to him was Eleazar. He was one of the three mighty men. He was the son of Dodai, the Ahohite. Eleazar was with David at Pas Dammim. That's where Israel's army made fun of the Philistines who were gathered there for battle. Then the men of Israel pulled back.

But Eleazar stayed right where he was. He struck the Philistines down until his hand grew tired. But he still held on to his sword. The Lord helped him win a great battle that day. The troops returned to Eleazar. They came back to him only to take what they wanted from the dead bodies.

Next to him was Shammah, the son of Agee. Shammah was a Hararite. The Philistines gathered together at a place where there was a field full of lentils. Israel's troops ran away from them.

But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He didn't let the Philistines capture it. He struck them down. The Lord helped him win a great battle.

2 Samuel 23:8-12 NIRV



1. What will you for _____? At the Alamo, a line was drawn in the sand, a line that asked this question: who would step forward to fight for what they believed in? Imagine drawing a line in your heart right now. What would you protect it from? We must be prepared to guard our hearts, for it is the ultimate battleground we must protect.

"Above everything else, guard your heart. It is where your life comes from." Proverbs 4:23 NIRV

A. SHOOT

B. FIGHT

C. SPEAK

2. Protect the _____ things. Every day we fight a battle with the world to be in it and not of it. We can't compromise anywhere! If we give any ground, we could find ourselves on a slippery slope, sliding down towards defeat.

"Next to him was Shammah, the son of Agee. Shammah was a Hararite. The Philistines gathered together at a place where there was a field full of lentils. Israel's troops ran away from them." 2 Samuel 23:11 NIRV

A. UGLY

B. CAMOUFLAGED

C. SMALL

3. You're never standing _____. God is standing right behind each of us with the biggest arsenal ever. Don't panic. He's just waiting for each of us to simply stand up, hold our ground, and defend all we believed in.

"But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He didn't let the Philistines capture it. He struck them down. The Lord helped him win a great battle." 2 Samuel 23:12 NIRV

A. ALONE

B. THERE

C. AROUND



Memory Verse: *"Above everything else, guard your heart. It is where your life comes from." Proverbs 4:23 NIRV*

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FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

Freedom isn't free. Yes, you may remember that a price was paid so that we could have our liberty. If so, you know that the price was impossibly high: Jesus gave *his life* so that we can be free from the curse of sin and death. Furthermore, the price of liberty in our nation was paid by soldiers who put their lives on the line for the freedoms we enjoy today. This cost was tremendous, and the Bible makes it clear: no one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends.

That's why we should remember, and never forget the sacrifice made. Too often, there are those that take for granted or completely forget the debt that we've all been forgiven. That's why we should always keep in our minds and hearts what was given up, all so that we might live in freedom.

Honor the cause. Don't let the sacrifice be for nothing. Live your life in a way that is worthy of the tremendous price that was paid. Live a good life, one that is worthy. In our Bibles, Jesus told us to take up our cross daily, and kill those selfish urges we may have. If we sin, we dishonor the awful price that was paid for us. Don't do that. Instead, honor the cause, and honor the sacrifice that was made just for you.

Yes, we can and should enjoy the freedom we all have now. But never – ever – forget that freedom isn't free.



FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

“Here is my command. Love each other, just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

“I do not call you servants anymore. Servants do not know their master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends. I have told you everything I learned from my Father.

“You did not choose me. Instead, I chose you. I appointed you to go and bear fruit. It is fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you anything you ask for in my name.

“Here is my command. Love each other.”

John 15:12-17 NIRV



1. Freedom isn't _____. A price was paid so that we could have our liberty. The cost was higher than we could ever pay. No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends.

"No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends." John 15:13 NIRV

A. COSTLY

B. FREE

C. PROUD

2. Never _____ the sacrifice. We should always keep in our minds and hearts what was given up so that we might live in freedom.

*"I will praise the Lord. I won't forget anything he does for me."
Psalm 103:2 NIRV*

A. RESPECT

B. FORGET

C. DRILL

3. _____ the cause. We each should live our lives in a way that is worthy of the tremendous price paid for each of us. Don't let the sacrifice be for nothing.

*"Then he said to all of them, 'If anyone wants to follow me, he must say no to himself. He must pick up his cross every day and follow me.'"
Luke 9:23 NIRV*

A. HONOR

B. BATTLE

C. IGNORE



Memory Verse: *“No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends.” John 15:13 NIRV*

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BRING DOWN THOSE WALLS

Joshua saw the walls around that fortified city, just like the other Israelites. They were huge, but he knew that His God was even bigger. In one of the most dramatic stories of the Bible, Joshua and the Israelite army took Jericho by storm. It was a heavily fortified city, but Joshua had his troops start the battle in an unusual way: they marched around the city and blew trumpets in praise for what God was about to do.

Talk about faith! We know how the story ends in victory, but for just a moment, can you imagine how it felt to be a soldier at that time? Joshua gave his soldiers a very unconventional battle plan: it was a surprise attack... with trumpets!

We learn from this remarkable victory a great battle plan from Joshua. In fact, the three things he used to take down Jericho are the same three things you can do to have victory: the Israelites had loud praise for God, they walked in obedience, and day after day, they sure had consistency.

In the end you too can have victory. Challenges in life may be standing before you like a mighty wall. But with praise, obedience, and consistency, you can see those challenges in life crumble and collapse like the mighty walls of Jericho.



BRING DOWN THOSE WALLS

So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant of the LORD and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it.” And he ordered the people, “Advance! March around the city, with the armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD.”

When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the LORD went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the LORD’s covenant followed them. The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding.

On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, “Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD.”

When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.

Joshua 6:6-9, 15-17, 20 NIV



1. _____ **brings down walls.** Before the battle, trumpets led Joshua's army around those enemy walls. Praise tells God how you love and trust Him, and reminds yourself of how great He is.

A. HOPE

B. PRAISE

C. FIGHTING

"Joshua commanded the people, 'Shout! For the LORD has given you the city!'" Joshua 6:16 NIV

2. _____ **brings down walls.** Surely some thought Joshua's commands to blow trumpets around the city walls for a week were a little odd. But the obedience of God's army brought victory that day. Sometimes obedience seems odd when you think you know a better way. But when we obey God's Word and walk the path He has put before us, great and wonderful victories await!

A. OBEDIENCE

B. PEACE

C. EDUCATION

*"Instead, blessed are those who hear God's word and obey it."
Luke 11:28 NIRV*

3. _____ **brings down walls.** Day after day, God's army marched out in the path He set out before them, obedient and filled with faith. And although nothing happened on that first day, the second day, or even the sixth day, they got up and marched out around Jericho again. In our lives, a single prayer is good. A single act of kindness or obedience is a really great thing. But real victory comes when we live a life of consistency with praise, prayer, and obeying God's Word.

A. MONEY

B. FEAR

C. CONSISTENCY

"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 NIRV



Memory Verse: *“Instead, blessed are those who hear God’s word and obey it.” Luke 11:28 NIRV*

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GO TO THE WAR ROOM

Before every military battle and before any of the actual action starts out, there is a war room. This is the place where strategies are born, the place where campaigns are launched, and the place where victories are won.

We too have a war room. It's a place of prayer, and a place where victories can happen before we step out to attack our day! Our Bibles tell us we are more than conquerors, but unless we spend time in that war room, we're not going to be all we can be.

What's a war room? It's a place – any place, really – where you spend time reading God's Word, and talking with Him in prayer.

Have you ever thought about the power of God's Word before? Every scripture you read and meditate on is ammunition that can be used to shoot down negative thoughts and temptations that try to take us out. Write down those powerful verses and place them where you'll see them each day. God's Word is an unstoppable weapon in your artillery, and if you're not spending time reading it, you're walking out into the fight of faith completely unarmed!

The War Room is also a place to put on that armor of God. A soldier may never know precisely what battles may be coming. But that same soldier doesn't have to worry if he or she is prepared with God's body armor. If we want to have a victorious campaign, each day we have to start things out with prayer and that full armor. Remember to put on your helmet of salvation to guard your thoughts. Put on that breastplate of righteousness, the one Jesus earned for us. Get those combat boots on, the ones that will help you carry God's love wherever it is needed. When we take time to put on that full armor, praying each morning, we'll be ready for whatever each day sends our way.

Once the day is started, soldiers out in the field can keep in touch with High Command in the War Room. In fact, it's super important that they do, because it might be necessary to call for back-up, or it could be that new orders are arriving to do a sweep and save the day. And that's just the way it is for us as we fight our fight of faith. Our Bibles tell us to stay in touch with High Command all the time – that's God. Scripture tells us to never stop praying. We have to keep in constant contact with our Heavenly Father, because He's got a good eye on our situation and He'll be able to give us all we need!

So are you ready to go out there and attack your day? Be all you can be each day by spending time in that War Room with God's Word, with prayer, and the Full Armor of God.



GO TO THE WAR ROOM

“But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” **Luke 5:16 NIV**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” **Philippians 4:6 NIV**

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” **Ephesians 6:13- 18 NIV**

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“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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”
2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

“Never stop praying.” **1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIRV**



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A. ACTIONS

B. SCRIPTURES C. BEANS

2. Put on God's _____. If we want to have a victorious campaign, each day we have to start things out with prayer and that full armor. Remember to put on your helmet of salvation to guard your thoughts. Put on that breastplate of righteousness, the one Jesus earned for us. Get those combat boots on, the ones that will help you carry God's love wherever it is needed. When we take time to put on that full armor, praying each morning, we'll be ready for whatever each day sends our way.

"So put on all of God's armor. Evil days will come. But you will be able to stand up to anything. And after you have done everything you can, you will still be standing." Ephesians 6:13 NIRV

A. ARMOR

B. MEDALS

C. ROCKET LAUNCHERS

3. Don't stop _____ with High Command. Our Bibles tell us to stay in touch with High Command all the time – that's God. Scripture tells us to never stop praying. We have to keep in constant contact with our Heavenly Father, because He's got a good eye on our situation and He'll be able to give us all we need!

"Never stop praying." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIRV

A. TALKING

B. FIGHTING

C. TRAINING



Memory Verse: "Never stop praying." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIRV

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APPROVAL STAMP HERE!



"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." 2 Corinthians 5:20 NIV

The American Revolutionary War was supposed to be a short one. The British had a far greater and superior army than the Americans. A few events happened though, ones that let the British army know this wasn't going to be something easy.

One of those events involved some really heavy cannons. Incredibly, the Americans had captured a lot of British cannons and carried them a very long distance in a very short time. It was an amazing feat, and done so quickly and quietly that the British army was surprised. You see, each cannon was then positioned over Boston in a way that actually drove the bewildered British away. But where did those cannons come from?

Ethan Allen was the Commander of the Green Mountain Boys, and he wasn't just moving furniture around back then. In an amazing surprise attack, he and about eighty- three others got sneaky on May 10, 1775. They surrounded a British fort before dawn and demanded a surrender immediately. The stunned captain of the British army asked Allen by whose authority Allen was making such a demand. Ethan Allen told him this: "In the Name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress."

Though we don't need to capture forts, we too walk around in authority. In fact, Paul once wrote that we are ambassadors of Christ while here on earth. That's a pretty important role! Though we are given a bit of power with that authority, we should always be careful to remember Who it is we're representing. You may not be walking up to people to say you're doing things "in the name of the Great Jehovah," but if you call yourself a Christian, everyone already knows it!



*"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
Psalm 119:11 NIRV*

General Ulysses S. Grant of the Union Army has been described as the greatest general of his age and one of the greatest strategists of any age. His military victories in Vicksburg and other Civil War battles helped bring about the restoration of the United States of America. He was a brave soldier, running out into the open to save the life of a friend on the battlefield. His achievements and character helped win him the office of President of the United States much later.

While President, the *Sunday School Times* had asked him to send a message out to the children of America. President Grant wrote, "My advice to Sunday schools, no matter what their denomination, is: Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties, write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives."

It's obvious the Bible was important to him, as later on he once said, "the scriptures are Man's best guide..." If he were hanging around today, it is reasonable to assume he'd be saying the same thing to the army of youths across America: "Read the Bible, keep it in your hearts and practice its truth all your lives."

DRILL: Read your Bible, soldier! Write down a time that you plan to read it each day – it doesn't matter how much or how long. Just as long as you do it!³⁵



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