

RALLY THE TROOPS.

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Everyone is BATTLING something!

Q: What are you battling right now?

Q: Who's fighting the battle with you?

TRUTH: You'll NEVER win the battle ALONE.

Q: *Are you ready to live a VICTORIOUS life? (Yes or No)*

1 Samuel 13

¹ Saul was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned for forty-two years. ² Saul selected 3,000 special troops from the army of Israel and sent the rest of the men home. He took 2,000 of the chosen men with him to Micmash and the hill country of Bethel. The other 1,000 went with Saul's son Jonathan to Gibeah in the land of Benjamin. ³ Soon after this, Jonathan attacked and defeated the garrison of Philistines at Geba. The news spread quickly among the Philistines. So Saul blew the ram's horn throughout the land, saying,

"HEBREWS, HEAR THIS! RISE UP IN REVOLT!"

⁴ All Israel heard the news that Saul had destroyed the Philistine garrison at Geba and that the Philistines now hated the Israelites more than ever. So the entire Israelite army was summoned to join Saul at Gilgal.

⁵ The Philistines mustered a mighty army of 3,000 chariots, 6,000 charioteers, and as many warriors as the grains of sand on the seashore! They camped at Micmash east of Beth-aven.

⁶ The men of Israel saw what a tight spot they were in; and because they were hard pressed by the enemy, they tried to hide in caves, thickets, rocks, holes, and cisterns.

⁷ Some of them crossed the Jordan River and escaped into the land of Gad and Gilead. Meanwhile, Saul stayed at Gilgal, and his men were trembling with fear.

When things get HARD we're tempted to ...

- HIDE it.
- IGNORE it.
- EXCUSE it.
- SURRENDER to it.

If you want to WIN the Battle you have to ...

1. Identify the ENEMY.
2. Face your FEAR.
3. Remember God's PROMISES.

Identify the Enemy.

- PRIDE says . . . “Keep up the facade.”
- GREED says . . . “Just a little bit more.”
- ANGER says . . . “You owe me.”
- SHAME says . . . “You’re a failure.”
- FEAR says . . . “You don’t have what it takes.”

Q: Do you recognize any of those enemies?

Face Your Fears.

- Fear of FAILURE.
- Fear of REJECTION.
- Fear of LOSS.

Q: Which one of those is your biggest fear?

Remember God’s Promises.

- Remember what God has already DONE.
- Remember what God has already PROMISED.
- Remember what God wants to DO through YOU.

PRAYER: Dear God, I’m coming to you right now with my fears, my doubts, and my failures. My prayer is that you’ll forgive me, strengthen me, and use me for your glory. My heart is open . . . I’m waiting to hear from you.

Group Discussion.

- What are you most excited about for this weekend?
- What was the most impactful truth from tonight's lesson?
- How do you typically respond to your battles?
Hide it - Ignore it - Excuse it - Surrender to it - Other...
- If you had to give your ENEMY a name . . .
what would you call it?
- Is there anyone in our group who needs to SHARE a burden with your brothers, and let us RALLY around you in PRAYER right now?

Personal Reflection.

- **ASK:** Are you battling something in secret? Would you consider sharing it with someone this weekend?
- **READ:** "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." - James 5:16
- **PRAY:** Heavenly Father, thank you for bringing me to this weekend retreat. Would you open my heart to all that you have for me and open my eyes to how I can support my brothers over the next few days.