

# GOOD NEWS

## NEWSLETTER

### Wars to Fight

When you read the Bible, you find intense battles between nations. From the beginning of humankind, we know that people fight. What do they fight for? Selfish reasons. Most of the time for money. Jealousy, pride, revenge, sometimes they fight looking for liberty, trying to find justice, and many other reasons.

Today is no different. As Christians, we don't want war, meaning one nation killing other people. We don't like that; we are called to love our enemies and to be compassionate. Still, as Christians, we must stand today, every day, ready to go to battle. But that is within the context of spiritual battle, promoting the Kingdom of God, and exalting the name of our Lord Jesus. Every believer should be ready to fight for their faith in Jesus.

In our families, some need more help than others to overcome faith challenges. If you have a child who is struggling with faith, you are going to help the child in order to win the battle of the day. His battle and yours.

Although we don't like the idea of physical war, seeing people being killed, every Christian must be a warrior, and not need to be afraid to fight.

The Lord God Almighty is a warrior. Has He ever provoked anybody or anything to fight against Him? Absolutely not!

There is a constant battle between good and evil from the beginning of creation. That battle will continue until the end of time. The good news is that we know that our Lord God already won. We know that we are already victorious, we, the True Children of God.

Do you have battles? Of course! You have battles every single day of your life.

Anyone who runs away from a battle is considered by many to be a coward. The person running away does it for two reasons: he knows that he's already defeated, or he doesn't want to annihilate the enemy.



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You face your own battles. You have to face your own enemies. You cannot ignore the problems you have in your life. Most of the time, on a personal level, your enemies are more than anything fear, anger, hostility, resentment, lack of forgiveness, pride, basically feelings and ideas inside of you that make you feel out of place.

The first level of battles in your personal life is the battle between you and yourself. One part of you is surrendering to God, the other part saying, "I don't want to do what He says. I will do things my way."

The second level of battles in your personal life is the battle between you and evil. Temptations, attempts to seduce you, direct attacks, what are you going to do with all that? You have to fight back. Defend yourself, relying on the Lord to win.

The third level of battles in your personal life is the arguments and confrontations between other people and you. Not everyone is reasonable. Not everyone is honest. Not everyone is loyal to you. Some people simply truly don't love you. They say they do, but in reality, they don't. Sooner or later, when the arguments and confrontations arise, you will see who is and who is not with you. In this battlefield, you must rely entirely on the Lord to do what He says. You are going to pray and read the Bible and find in Biblical Counseling the answer to those difficulties to make a sound decision.

It is precisely when there are arguments and confrontations that someone is going to get hurt. Nobody wants to see others suffering, at least good, decent believers. But where there are problems, someone will get hurt.

There are moments in your life when you will find yourself in a position of fighting for your survival. Everyone is going to go through seasons like that in their life. What do we do then? With prayer, reading the Bible, and Biblical Counseling, you will find the right thing to do.

Very similarly to the scenario of your personal battles, you will find yourself sometimes involved in battles that include other people, meaning your family, your company, your city, and your community. That is where your group needs to do the same thing. Praying, reading the Bible, and Biblical Counseling.

Think about what's going on in our world now. The USA is not an entity. It is not a concept. America is us. As Americans, we need to stand together for the safety and security of our country.

This is the time to do the same thing. Praying, reading the Bible, and Biblical Counseling.

The leaders in our country need to do that.

Say a prayer for our leaders so they will listen to The Voice of God and obey it.

Blessings,

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