Putting Your Battle Into God’s Hands

Spiritual Warfare Series

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All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.
– 1 Samuel 17:47 (NIV)

Seven keys to transferring the battle to the Lord:

1. Preparation: it all starts in the secret place.

   LORD, in the morning you hear my voice. In the morning I lay it all out before you. Then I wait expectantly.
– Psalm 5:3 (CEB)

   He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
– Psalm 91:1 (NKJV)

   • Just because you feel fear doesn't mean you have to be afraid. You can feel fear and not react to it, but you do have to prepare for it.

   • If we are close to God in our secret place, we will find we have the faith to win the battle in a public place.

2. Remember your past victories.

   Moreover, David said, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”
– 1 Samuel 17:47 (NKJV)
• Don’t try to convince your enemy that you are enough, convince yourself that in Christ you have enough.

3. **Focus on God and not the giant.**

   Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” – 1 Samuel 17:45 (NKJV)

   You cannot defeat your giant until you believe that who you are in Christ is enough.

4. **Recognize the cause and watch your motives.**

   And David said, “What have I done now? Is there not a cause?” – 1 Samuel 17:29 (NKJV)

   Until you decide the cause is worth it, you will not endure the fight.

   Goliath was not really the greatest giant David had to face that day. It was the giants of pride, criticism and rejection, fear, or selfish ambition.

5. **Make a decision to fight.**

   Then David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” – 1 Samuel 17:32 (NKJV)

   “The greatest response to a devil is a decision.” T.D. Jakes

6. **Take action!**

   As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. – 1 Samuel 17:48,49 (NIV)

   The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD. – Proverbs 21:31 (NIV)

   Then the Lord said to Moses, “Quit praying and get the people moving! Forward, march!” – Exodus 14:15 (TLB)

7. **Put your trust in the name of the Lord.**

   David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head.” – 1 Samuel 17:45,46 (NLT)

   • It is not about how well you fight, but who is fighting with you.

   • Transfer the battle from you versus the enemy to God versus the enemy.