

When You Go to Battle, Trust God to Fight for You

Excerpt by Rick Warren (to read the whole devotion please click <u>HERE</u>)

Any lifeguard will tell you: You can't save anyone as long as they're trying to save themselves. If you try, that person will just pull you down, too. So you have to tread water until they finally give up, and then it's easy. You just put a hand over their shoulder, and you swim back to shore. It's the same with our relationship with God. When we try to fight through life's troubles on our own, we sink. Instead, God wants us to stop fighting and trust him to do the work. God taught Israel's army that lesson. Three enemy armies were preparing to battle against them. Israel was far outnumbered. But instead of worrying, King Jehoshaphat led his army to worship God by depending on him to save them.

He prayed, "We don't know what to do—we are begging for your help" (2 Chronicles 20:12 CEV).

Then God said to them: "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's" (2 Chronicles 20:15 NIV).

God wants the same thing from you: He wants you to stop fighting battles and let him fight them for you.

This month's focus:

God fights for me

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Exodus 14:13-14 (NIV)

February Chapel

We invite you to join us digitally on Friday, February 26th for our first student-led chapel of the year! Log in and hear what the kindergarten and grade 5 classes have learned regarding this month's theme: **God fights for me**. A link to watch the chapel will be released via our website to our school families sometime throughout that day.

