

Prepare to Prevail

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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When we are surrounded by problems that include our situation, our family, our friends we tend to give up and stop fighting. Despite the struggles we face, God reminds us that we are victorious, for He knows the plans for us: not to harm us but to make us prosperous (Jer 29:11).

In 2 Kings 13:14-17, the king who was afraid of defeat was advised by Elisha to get a bow and arrow to open the window so he could view his victory before going to battle. The window in the scriptures symbolizes God's perspective, provision, and victory in our lives.

Elisha also told the king to pick up the arrows and strike the ground three times; the king eventually complied. Elisha didn't tell him to stop (2 Kings 13:18). In our life struggles, we tend to give up and stop trying. However, God is telling us to believe that He will win over our Arams in life; we only have to fix our eyes on Him and His promises.

The 4 Ps we need to remember as we prepare to face our battles:

1. Post/ reposition

- With God, there are no shortcuts. We are never going to fulfill our purpose until we commit to our post, the place where God has placed us.

2. Point

- Oftentimes, God's place of preparation seems pointless. It is hard to persist when we don't see the point. Even if we feel that way, God always has a purpose for our lives; with Him, nothing is pointless. God will turn what seems meaningless in our eyes into His mighty victory.

3. Plow

- When time came for Elisha to be promoted, he was found plowing in the fields. Sometimes preparation will not feel like a promise, but God is preparing us for the victory so we can prevail.

4. Prevail

- Elisha got mad at the king because he wanted to teach him the principle of preparation. We should never get tired of persisting in the process of preparation, even as we keep striking the ground.

As long as we keep remaining at our post and trusting in the Lord, nothing we are going through, have gone through, or will go through will be wasted. *"Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! (Ephesians 3:20)."*

Reflection:

What have been your struggles lately? How will you turn these battles into victory?

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