

# **The Battle is Mine**

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*2 Chronicles 20:15 - He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.*

*Proverbs 21:31 - The horse is made ready for the day of battle,  
but victory rests with the LORD.*

I hear the Lord wanting to remind us all that as we pray, to remember it's in His strength, His timing, and He will fight the battle because final victory rests with Him. I'm guilty of trying too hard in my own strength! God searches the heart – He knows the inward intent. We need to walk away or step back A LOT of the time. There are many things the Lord will show us if we release the frustration and control.

But it doesn't feel right!

But I'm offended!

But they are wrong!

But I know I can help, why won't they let me?

But I know they will get through it if I can tell them about my experience!

But I know I can help but my spouse doesn't agree!

Sisters and brothers in Christ – let's take a minute today to stop and breathe, and allow the Lord to use us as He needs us, to speak through us as He needs us. Ask the Lord where you can help the most – if you are willing to hear from Him – the answer may not be one you like, because it deals with taking SELF out of the equation most of the time– and He's constantly pruning us so that we are able to sometimes stand in the time of need. If we are constantly plunging ahead, we may not see the STOP sign. He is able to fight for us when the times come and He has the victory.

There are a lot of people who need help in this day – and I wanna smack some people silly and tell them "can't you see??" but guess what? The Lord sees the aerial view, we don't. There are a lot of battles to be fought – and as we plan for battle and wait on Him, He will release the spiritual authority to handle each one and we will know when to fight – and when to stand. We have to have the faith that He will answer – and we need desperately to know He's in control.

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