

January 2nd -8th

Get Ready for Battle

In this lesson you will learn three ways to prepare for the battle in 2021.

Intro: In this year of 2021, it will be a time of contending for the faith, and fighting for what matters. Anything you value will come with a fight. If we are to be battle ready, we must recognize the real enemy; laziness, fear, anger, strife, etc. You can't go to war without putting on your armor. Put on the full armor of God; salvation, righteousness, peace, truth, faith, and the sword of the Spirit. It is time to shift your sight from fear into faith. You have to see it with your eyes of faith before you seize it. Get a vision of victory this year and write it down.

I. Can You See it?

- A. God wants you to see what is possible this year. Without a vision, people perish (Prov 29:18). The only thing worse than being blind is having sight with no vision. Make sure to write your vision down. You can't take ground on what you have not written down. Can you see the promised land that God has for you? How you see yourself, others, and God will determine how you live your life this year. Go spy out what a debt free life looks like. Embrace the new thing God wants to do in you and through you this year.

II. Get Vulnerable with God

- A. Before the children of Israel conquered Jericho, God commanded the men to be circumcised. God was calling the people to total surrender. He set them apart and weakened them in order to strengthen them. In the same way God is calling us to be vulnerable through fasting and prayer so we can hear from God. The Israelites stayed in that place until they were healed. They were put in a place where they could trust only in God, a hard place but a good place. God uses our weaknesses to show us His might (2 Cor 12:10).

III. Step out in Faith

- A. Stop camping in the land of imagination and potential and step forward into the promised land. Our potential is our gift from God. Our possibilities are God's gift to us. What we do with our potential is our gift back to God and the world. Breakthroughs are not a result of random chance, but of action and faith. As we step out in faith each day, we become faithful. Stir yourself up to take courageous action, put trust in motion, and take ground for the Kingdom. See it, speak it, believe it, and act on it. Take courage and take ground (Josh 1:9).

Discussion Questions

1. Do you have a picture of where God is taking you this year?
2. Are you spending time in fasting and prayer to hear God for this year of 2021?
3. What steps of faith are you taking for 2021?