



## February 2, 2025 Sermon Notes

### Sermon:

## “The Lord Will Fight Your Battles”

(Exodus 14:13-14 ESV)

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### Sermon Text:

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And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. [14] The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

### Background:

- Here we see in this 14th chapter of Exodus, the Lord is speaking to Moses, and telling the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pihahiroth between Migdol and the sea in front of Baal-Zephon, and encamp by the sea and then the Lord said that He would harden the heart of Pharaoh and that God would get glory over Pharaoh even though Pharaoh didn't see it that way.
- Then the mind of Pharaoh was changed and he was after Moses and the children of Israel, when the king of Egypt was told the people might fled, and 600 chariots and officers of Egypt were there and the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and then Pharaoh, the horses, the chariots, and horsemen and army overtook them at the sea by Pihahiroth in front of Baal-Zephon. The children of Israel cried out to God, and lifted up their eyes when Pharaoh was drawing near, and then the people were miserable, desperate, and afraid because they were thinking that Pharaoh was going to kill them and they would have rather died in the wilderness.
- Here is an interesting dynamic, but here is also a powerful reality that just because you follow the Lord doesn't mean that you won't have to stand on your own two feet! You have to be ready and willing to stand up, even when you know that there are enemies that circulate around you, and even though there are people who are

around you and you see that it is a struggle and storm, it is still then that you have to keep the faith in God! Are you going to keep the faith in the Lord, even with the enemies and even with the difficulties all around you there should be enough power and faith in you to where you still trust and believe in the Lord, and know that the Lord is there with you!

- You have to know that, but understand you will have enemies and you will have those who pursue you, especially when you follow the Lord enemies will latch on to you to try to stop you! Just because you love the Lord doesn't mean people will love you or the God you worship, be careful and understand that not everybody loves the Lord and not everybody loves you so you have to keep on being secure and trusting in the Lord and remaining secure even in the midst of chaos! Just because there is chaos doesn't mean you can't have a celebration, and the reason you can have a celebration and the reason you can have more is because of your reliance and dependence on God, and since you are following the Lord you have to know what to ignore and what to not let stop you when you have the Lord in your life, and when you follow Him you'll be taken care of, and there won't be anything or anybody that will defeat you when you stay with the Lord!

### “God’s Presence Will Always Be There”

- Look at how Moses opens this particular text, because Moses who is the leader of the children of Israel and is the one that God has chosen to lead the people. Moses name means: “Drawn and Prophet”, and now here is Moses who is the leader, Moses is the one that has dealt with Pharaoh, Moses is the one that is giving the command to the children of Israel, but it is also Moses who is the one that is letting them know, that there is something to not forget, and there is something to not neglect and that is the word of God, and what it means! See when you have the right words, and when you know where they are coming from it gives the ability and the power to keep on standing!
- An enemy can't make you move when the enemy doesn't control your feet! You better know who your leader is, you better know who you can call on, and you better know who you can depend on because I don't need to worry about an enemy when God is over my enemy!
- If I don't stay close to the Lord then yeah.... You can take me down, you can make me feel inadequate, and you can make me afraid but the only reason I feel that way is because I'm not staying close to the Lord! However, when I stay close to the Lord and when I'm on the right side I know that God has me, I know that God is with me, I know that God is my keeper, I know that God is my Lord, I know that God is my joy, I know that God is my leader, and I know that God is my captain!
- Don't ever think that you won't have a war season, it seems like when we walk with the Lord and when we follow the Lord it seems as though we are going through a

war! We deal with wars because we are always in these spiritual battles, we are in battles that try us, battles that test us, battles that can wear us out physically, emotionally, spiritually, and mentally we are in these wars!

- The word of God gives us peace, the word of God will give you strength, the word of God will give you victory, the word of God will give you help, the word of God will give you restoration, the word of God will give you love, and the word of God will give you life! The word is what we need, because we all are dealing with a Pharaoh and we see that there is instability, there is unrest, there is fear, there is worry, and there is messiness but the word of the Lord reminds us that God is with me! The word of God reminds me that I'm not alone, I'm not down, and I'm not empty because I know that the word of the Lord brings me every answer that I need, and I'm glad to know that the word of the Lord works!
- The word of God is real, the word of God ignites confidence in us and the reason we have confidence is because of who the word represents! The reason we have and will have confidence is once again do you trust in the Lord, do you really rely and depend on the Lord because I know that you will have to encounter some tough times, you will have to encounter some trying times, and you will encounter some challenges but don't forget that the Lord is with you!
- When you have that fire in the Lord, you will begin to encourage yourself and talk to yourself! You ought to encourage yourself, it doesn't matter what they say, it doesn't matter what they think, it doesn't matter what is thrown at me, and it doesn't matter what is hurled at me because I'm encouraged and I know that the Lord is there, the Lord keeps me, and the Lord is guiding me so why should I not be encouraged?

### **“Ignoring The Enemies”**

- When you know that the Lord is with me, little stuff doesn't bother you, messy stuff doesn't bother you, pettiness doesn't bother you, ugliness doesn't bother you, sarcasm doesn't bother you, and schemes don't bother you!
- I have that unshakable confidence in me, and the reason I have it is because of how close I am with the Lord, and that I'm encouraged to know that the Lord is with me! You can't make me trip, you can't stop me, and you can't harm me because I have learned how to ignore who doesn't matter because I know who is covering me! You learn how to ignore stuff, you learn how to ignore people, and you learn how to ignore things that aren't going to make me happy and aren't going to make me satisfied so you think I'm going to spend my time on you, you think I'm going to allow my life to be dictated by you, and you think that I'm going to let you neglect my faith absolutely not!
- There's that promise in the text, that these Egyptians that you once saw, that were once evil, that were once disrespectful, and that were once arrogant, those same ones

will be vanished! There is that promise, and there are those promises because as you look at what this text indicates is that you can't be afraid of the Egyptians, and you can't be afraid of what they are doing because you know where your base is!

- You better know that the Lord will fight for you and with you! That's why you can be a witness, and that's why you can be a testimony that there's nothing that will stop you! Nobody should have so much power over you that they stop you, not when you know that the Lord will fight for you there should be nothing that will make you worried, there should be nothing that makes you back down, and there should be nobody that makes you turn away not when you know that the Lord will fight for you, and not when you know that the Lord will give you peace because God can do more with His hand, then you can ever do with your mouth!
- Our mouths get us in trouble, but the movements and the hands of the Lord will always do more than you will! The Lord will always do more for you than what you can do, and you see that the Lord will always fight for you because you know that the Lord won't leave you alone, and you know that His presence will always be there! The presence of the Lord will always be there, and because of the presence of the Lord in your life, my life, and everybody's life that should make it always be calm and still, and the reason that is the case is because you know that the Lord will fight for you!
- The Lord will be there, because when you are right God will take care of you, and watch this... the Lord is watching out for you when you don't even realize it, and when you can't see what's happening behind the scenes the Lord does, when you go to sleep and when you don't know what is being said or even plotted the Lord is watching, and the Lord is looking out for you!
- There are things that God has kept you out of and away from because of the fact He was watching out for you, and because He was watching out for you then you are standing!! You don't always know what the Lord is doing, but it's good to know that the Lord will fight for you, and you have to understand some fights get bloody, some fights get bruising, some fights can make you fatigued, and some fights can make you really be tested by the intensity of the fight! We have those fights, we have those battles, and they can really be tiring and they can really be hard and that's when you see that you have limits and the Lord doesn't have any limits and the Lord isn't afraid to get there with anybody because the Lord will always protect His child!
- When you have the Lord there is no stopping you, when you have the Lord you aren't going away, and when you have the Lord you are going to always stand because you know that the Lord is there with you! I can always count on the Lord when I know that the Lord did it for me, and also when I know that the Lord will fight for me I know that because the Lord will fight for me don't come at me because you are just asking for trouble!

**This Week's Goals:**

- Read Exodus 14 - Exodus 15!
- Pray for God's direction!

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