

WHEN IT IS OUT OF OUR HANDS, IT IS INTO HIS!

- ❖ **One of the greatest Spiritual Principals that we need to quickly learn, is the one found in Zec. 4:6....**

Zec 4:6** Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

In understanding it, we realize that God is not *dependant upon our strength* to accomplish any given task, nor is He reliant upon our **wisdom, savvy or prowess** to gain the victory!

→ *NO! He states very clearly that the ability to overcome obstacle (whatever it may be) is found solely in His supply through His Spirit!*

- ❖ **David understood the principle when he spoke to Goliath the words we see recorded in 1 Sam 17:47!**

1 Sam 17:47** And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for **the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.

It is essential to our survival that we come to grasp this truth...

- When our situations are seemingly hopeless and there appears to be no way out...God can make a way!
- When it looks as if your situation is out of control...God is still in control!
- When all that you see are giants and armies and raging seas...God sees it also and will supply your needs through His Spirit!
- **When it is out of our Hands...it is then into His!**

~ There are times when, like David – You move in Faith, Trusting God and leaving the details to the Father.

~ Obviously, God drew upon David's Talents—YES!

→ *But the battle's outcome was still in the hands of God!*

→ David flung the stone, but who do you think directed its flight? – God!

There are times that you are *actively involved* in the process of changing your situation, **but then** there are those times when you are **unable** (by any action on your part) to affect the events surrounding your life.

→ *You have just been told that you have a terminal illness.*

→ *Your spouse walked out on you.*

→ *Your daughter is pregnant.*

→ *Your son has aids.*

→ *Your employer is laying off.*

→ *Your car breaks down.*

→ *Fill in the blank – Life has taken a turn and now you are at it's mercy!*

~ It is at these times we must learn *that when it is out of our Hands it is into His!*

→ **That our STRENGTH and POWER are not enough, but we must rely upon the Spirit of the Lord!**

- ❖ **Here's what to do when we don't know what to do...**

Stand Still and see the salvation of the Lord!

- **On the edge of the Red Sea, it was the counsel of Moses...**

Exo 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, **stand still**, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will show to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

- **It was the wisdom that Elihu sought to give suffering Job...**

Job 37:14 Hearken unto this, O Job: **stand still**, and consider the wondrous works of God.

➔ “Stand Still”— *think about that simple phrase!*

Stand: ~ Don’t roll over, Don’t faint, Don’t sit down on the job – *Stand!*

~ The act of maintaining an upright position shows the devil that he didn’t knock you down – If he did – *get up and stand!*

~ A resolute act of Faith that says I will not be moved by my circumstances, but I will weather the weather of my situation and know that my God will defend me!

~ Shows an open defiance of the devil’s deeds and a determination to win!

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.:14 **Stand therefore**, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Still: I will not flinch in the face of disaster, dilemma, or in day of destruction, nor will I shake with unending fear over my fate; **but I will STAY** on the battlefield with my faith in God, my feet firmly planted on the Rock and my heart guarded by His Spirit.

I am standing still and I Shall Not be Moved!

*I will not be moved by what I hear, feel, think or see,
but like a good soldier I will stay at my post
until my commander and chief
relieves me of my responsibility in the matter!*

Stand Still in the midst of your most trying times and watch as God goes to war!

- ❖ **God will often times bring us to the point that the control of the situation is beyond our ability to govern and will thereby show Himself mighty on our behalf.**

➔ It was like this for King Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20!

The people of Maob & Ammon and some unnamed others, set themselves at war with the King and intended to utterly destroy Him and his kingdom.

- The king did the right thing – He took it to the Lord in Prayer (He & all the People)
➔ *Make prayer a part of the solution, take it to the Lord and let Him be your God!*

➔ **Look what happened:**

2 Chr 20:14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

2 Chr 20:15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for **the battle is not yours, but God's.**

2 Chr 20:16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

2 Chr 20:17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

❖ **Another principle that we need to quickly grasp is found in Romans 8!**

→ **Rom 8:31** What shall we then say to these things? If **God be for us**, who can be against us?

We are often blind to the Fact that God is (Psalm 118:6) “...*On our side*”

• **Let's go to 2 Kings 16!**

~ A Young man is overwhelmed by what he is witnessing going on around him!

2 Ki 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

~ In the next verse the Prophet points out this same principle:

2 Ki 6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

~ Then the Man of God asked that the young man's eyes be opened to this truth and they were!

2 Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, **open his eyes**, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Question: Do you have to see the other side of the ocean to know what is there?

There come times when you will be unable to see the end of what God is doing but you must maintain a trust that declares: “I know that God is there!”

✪ **God will often times put us in situation where we have absolutely nothing to depend upon except Faith!**

Look @ Moses' situation:

Exo 14:15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: 16 But lift thou up thy **rod**, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

Look @ Gideon's Situation:

Judg 7:16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty **pitchers**, and lamps within the **pitchers**. 17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that*, as I do, so shall ye do. 18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword* of the LORD, and of Gideon. 19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the **pitchers** that

were in their hands.²⁰ And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the **pitchers**, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.²¹ And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.²² And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Bethshittah in Zererath, *and* to the border of Abelmeholah, unto Tabbath.

Look @ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego:

Dan 3:19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the **furnace** one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.²⁰ And he commanded the most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery **furnace**.²¹ Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery **furnace**.²² Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the **furnace** exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery **furnace**.²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.²⁵ He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

What can a Rod, or a Trumpet and pitcher w/ a candle in it going to do?

NOTHING unless God is in it! He can take the insignificant and do mightily through them!

What could these boys do to effect their outcome?

*NOTHING, It was totally in the hands of God to bring them out!
(Note: they were determined to serve Him regardless)*

☛ **What are your options when life turns upside down?**

1. Understand that when it is out of your hands, it is into His! -- **Trust Him**
2. That at times the most active thing that you can do is Stand Still! -- **See Him**
3. That when the odds are against it, God will be mighty in it! -- **Rest in Him!**