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Battles

Is it any surprise that you will face battles in life? No, not at all. Life is filled with battles of many various kinds. If I am not in a battle I have probably just left one or I am about to enter one very soon. **That's true.** This is a broken world. Everything about this world has been corrupted by sin. This world does not function according to your original design and plan. **No, it does not.** It was not your plan that life would be filled with so many struggles. **No, it was not.**

What have you learned about battles in life? Battles in life are not all bad. Battles in life have had a very good and positive and lasting impact on my life. **How so?** Every battle in life has presented me with a choice. **Is that right?** Yes, it is. **What choice has each and every battle in life presented to you?** Each battle in life has asked me who am I going to trust. Each battle in life has asked me who I will rely on. Each battle in life has defined for me who will be the source of my wisdom and strength and guidance and help. **Is that so?** Yes, it is. **What has been the answer to those questions?** There is only one correct answer for all of these questions. **Really?** Yes, really. **Then let me hear your answer to every one of these questions.** I will trust in you. I will not rely on myself. You have been, are and will be my only source of wisdom and strength and guidance and help. You have been with me to help me through every battle in life. Every battle in life has caused me to draw near to you. Every battle in life has caused me to hold on to you. You have never left me alone when I have been in a battle in life. I am no fan of going through battles in life. On one hand, I wish that life was not filled with so many battles. On the other hand, I am thankful for every battle in life that I have gone through. **Why is that?** Every battle in life has been one more opportunity to grow closer to you. Every battle in life has been an opportunity to come to know you more intimately. In hindsight, I can now easily say, with great confidence, that I would not trade a battle free life for knowing you less. So, I am very thankful that you have been with me in and through every battle in life. I am thankful that you have helped to come to know you better in and through every battle in life. **That is very good.**

Lord, I am facing battles in life. Is that a surprise to me, you, or anyone else? When will I not be facing a battle, trial or test in life? I need your wisdom and guidance. Too often I have relied on myself. Help me to know what to do. I will rely on you for my help. Amen

Miracles*Took The City*

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NIV

Joshua 6:20

Miracles*Captured It*

When the people heard the sound of the rams' horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it.

NLT

Joshua 6:20

Miracles*Captured It*

So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, they raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat; so the people charged straight ahead into the city and captured it.

NRSV

Joshua 6:20

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So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. When the people heard the sound of the trumpet, they raised a great shout, and [Jericho's] wall fell down in its place, so that the [Israelites] went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

AMP

Joshua 6:20

Miracles*Took The City*

So the people shouted, and priests blew the trumpets; and when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted with a great shout and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ahead, and they took the city.

NASB

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ESV

Joshua 6:20

Miracles*Took The City*

So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

NKJV

Joshua 6:20

Miracles*Took It*

The priests blew the trumpets. When the people heard the blast of the trumpets, they gave a thunderclap shout. The wall fell at once. The people rushed straight into the city and took it.

MSG

Joshua 6:20

Miracles*Captured It*

So when the people heard the trumpet blast, they shouted as loud as they could. And suddenly the walls of Jericho crumbled and fell before them, and the people of Israel poured into the city from every side and captured it!

TLB

Joshua 6:20

Miracles*Defeated That City*

When the priests blew the trumpets, the people shouted. At the sound of the trumpets and the people's shout, the walls fell, and everyone ran straight into the city. So the Israelites defeated that city.

NCV

Joshua 6:20

Took The City

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Miracles – Joshua 6:20

In Context: *Read Joshua 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you known that the Lord was with you in a battle?

When has the Lord given you very clear guidance on how to fight a battle?

When has the Lord’s guidance on how to fight a battle seemed quite unusual to you?

When have you followed the Lord’s guidance even when it seemed quite unusual to you?

When have you struggled because you relied solely on your own ideas about how to fight a battle?

How have battles, trials and tests in life forced you to choose whom you will rely on for help?

What victories have you had only because you relied on the Lord to guide you through a battle?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Make very sure that you are relying on the Lord, not yourself, to give you wisdom and guidance through battles in life.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will give you wisdom and guidance to fight battles in life.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are relying on the Lord to guide you through battles in life.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you rely on the Lord to help you fight battles in life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will rely on you to help me fight battles in life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you help me to fight battles in life?
