

Against All Odds: How God's Kingdom Triumphs through Humble Heroes – Week 9

The Fight!

The Challenges and Joys of Walking in the Spirit's Power – 1 Samuel 10:17—11:15

Main Idea: As Saul begins his reign as king, he begins extremely well...truly a humble hero. He also becomes an example of living in the Spirit's power in the midst of a fight. In the same way, we face battles in the spiritual life. If we want to win, we must depend on the Spirit's strength. In this passage we see two challenges and two solutions.

1. ***CHALLENGE #1 – In the fight you cannot depend on your own strength. 1 Samuel 10:17-27***
 - A. Samuel confronts the people for depending on their own strength. 10:17-19
 - B. Saul is overwhelmed by his lack of strength. 10:20-24
 - C. God will create situations in your life where your natural strength isn't enough. You need more.

2. ***CHALLENGE #2 – In the fight you will experience circumstances that are brutally difficult. 1 Samuel 11:1-4***
 - A. The Israelites of Jabesh-gilead are besieged by a devastating enemy. 11:1a
 - B. At first, the Israelites try to co-exist with the enemy. 11:1b-2
 - C. The Israelites seek a solution. 11:3-4

3. ***SOLUTION #1 – In the fight, seek the Spirit's filling. 1 Samuel 11:4-11***
 - A. Saul experiences the filling of the Spirit. 11:5-6
 - B. Saul provides great leadership as a result of the Spirit's filling. 11:7-11a
 - C. Saul delivers Israel from the Ammonites. 11:11b

4. ***SOLUTION #2 – In the fight you must respond in worship. 1 Samuel 11:12-15***
 - A. Saul establishes a critical precedent: Worship must come before everything else. 11:12-15
 - B. First priority in our lives is worship with intent to find joy in the Lord.