

DON'T STOP NOW



The Israelites went up to Bethel and inquired of God. They said, "**Who of us is to go up first to fight** against the Benjamites?" The LORD replied, "Judah shall go first." The next morning the Israelites got up and pitched camp near Gibeah. The Israelites went out to fight the Benjamites and took up battle positions against them at Gibeah.

(Jdg 20:18-20 NIV)

To act on God's Word **is always right.**

The Benjamites came out of Gibeah **and cut down twenty-two thousand Israelites** on the battlefield that day.

(Jdg 20:21 NIV)

To act on God's Word **is always right**...even if the immediate result looks dim.

But the Israelites **encouraged one another** and again took up their positions where they had stationed themselves the first day. The Israelites went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and they inquired of the LORD. They said, "**Shall we go up again to fight against the Benjamites, our fellow Israelites?**" The LORD answered, "**Go up against them.**"

(Jdg 20:22-23 NIV)

God always **backs His word** by the honour of His name.

Then the Israelites drew near to Benjamin the second day. This time, when the Benjamites came out from Gibeah to oppose them, **they cut down another eighteen thousand Israelites**, all of them armed with swords.

(Jdg 20:24-25 NIV)

This stage in the journey often becomes the **turn back** moment for many ,instead of the **turn around** moment...

Then all the Israelites, the whole army, went up to ... and there they sat weeping before the LORD. They fasted that day until evening and presented burnt offerings and fellowship offerings to the LORD. And the Israelites inquired of the LORD. They asked, "**Shall we go up again to fight against the Benjamites**, our fellow Israelites, or not?" The LORD responded, "**Go, for tomorrow I will give them into your hands.**"

(Jdg 20:26-28 NIV)

Then Israel set an ambush around Gibeah. They went up against the Benjamites on the third day and took up positions against Gibeah as they had done before. The Benjamites came out to meet them and were drawn away from the city. **They began to inflict casualties on the Israelites as before, so that about thirty men fell in the open field** and on the roads; the one leading to Bethel and the other to Gibeah.

(Jdg 20:29-31 NIV)

Then ten thousand of Israel's able young men made a frontal attack on Gibeah. The fighting was so heavy that the Benjamites did not realize how near disaster was. **The LORD defeated Benjamin before Israel, and on that day the Israelites struck down 25,100 Benjamites,** all armed with swords. (Jdg 20:34-35 NIV)

Many more victories can be yours if you decide to **push through a little longer...**

Do I **have enough**? Do I **have what it takes** to
win this battle?

Now Elisha [previously] had become ill of the illness of which he died. And Jehoash king of Israel came down to him and wept over him and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen of it! [2Ki 2:12] And Elisha said to him, **Take bow and arrows. And he took bow and arrows.**

(2Ki 13:14-15 AMPC+)

And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it, and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, Open the window to the east. And he opened it. **Then Elisha said, Shoot.** And he shot. And he said, The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria. For you shall smite the Syrians in Aphek till you have destroyed them.
(2Ki 13:16-17 AMPC+)

Use what is in your hand to create what is in
your heart.

Then he said, **Take the arrows. And he took them.**
And he said to the king of Israel, Strike on the
ground. **And he struck three times and stopped.**
(2Ki 13:18 AMPC+)

And the man of God was angry with him and said,
You should have struck five or six times; then you
would have struck down Syria until you had
destroyed it. But now you shall strike Syria down
only three times.

(2Ki 13:19 AMPC+)

Life is a privilege, live it with all you have ,
every moment of every day...**give it you all!**

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