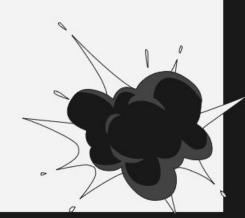
AND TO GOOD FIGHT

#### 1 TIMOTHY 6:12A NLT

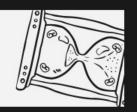
<sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight for the true faith.











## God has called us to fight the good fight the right way, not the wrong fight the wrong way.

# WHO ARE YOU FIGURE OF THE SHIFT NO.



WITH?



# THE COMMON THREAD WITH ALL THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE ISSUES WITH IS...

<u>YOU</u>

#### **JAMES 4:1-3** NLT

¹What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? ²You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. ³And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.



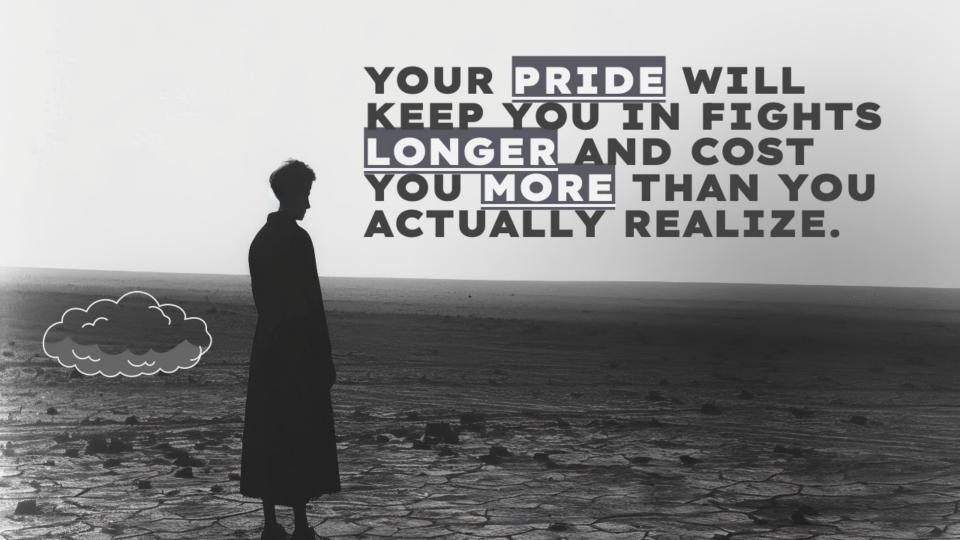
#### **JAMES 4:6-7** NLT

<sup>6</sup>And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say,

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

<sup>7</sup>So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.





#### MATTHEW 10:38-39 NLT

<sup>38</sup>If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. <sup>39</sup>If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.





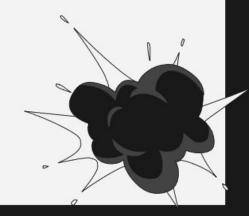
## HOW TO HAVE THE VICTORY



BY BEING WILLING TO SURRENDER

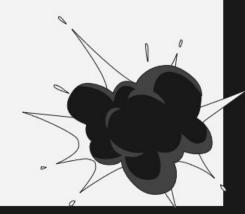
#### 2 CHRONICLES 20:3-6 NLT

<sup>3</sup>Jehoshaphat was terrified by this news and begged the Lord for guidance. He also ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting. 4So people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to seek the Lord's help. <sup>5</sup>Jehoshaphat stood before the community of Judah and Jerusalem in front of the new courtyard at the Temple of the Lord. <sup>6</sup>He prayed, "O Lord, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you!



#### 2 CHRONICLES 20:12 NLT

<sup>12</sup>"O our God, won't you stop them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help."



#### 2 CHRONICLES 20:15B, 17 NLT

This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's.

<sup>17</sup>"But you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the Lord's victory. He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, for the Lord is with you!"



## WE WILL FIGHT BATTLES IN THIS LIFE

THE QUESTION IS
WHO WILL FIGHT
WITH YOU AND
FOR YOU?







### AREAS OF OUR LIVES THAT NEED



OUR SURRENDER





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**GENESIS 32:24-28, 29B** 

NLT

<sup>24</sup>This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. <sup>26</sup>Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!"



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#### **GENESIS 32:24-28, 29B**

NLT

But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

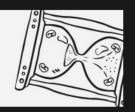
<sup>27</sup>"What is your name?" the man asked.

He replied, "Jacob."

<sup>28</sup>"Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him. "From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won." Then he blessed Jacob there.









## Jacob finally acknowledges the source of blessing and the importance of God's blessings.





→ SURRENDER TO GOD'S DIRECTION FOR YOUR LIFE.



### JONAH 1:2-3A NLT



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<sup>2</sup>"Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are."

<sup>3</sup>But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord.



→ SURRENDER TO GOD'S DIRECTION FOR YOUR LIFE.

#### JONAH 2:1-2, 9 NLT

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from inside the fish. <sup>2</sup>He said,

"I cried out to the Lord in my great trouble, and he answered me.

I called to you from the land of the dead, and Lord, you heard me!

<sup>9</sup> But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and I will fulfill all my vows.
For my salvation comes from the Lord





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#### 2 KINGS 5:9-12 NLT



<sup>9</sup>So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy."





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#### 2 KINGS 5:9-12 NLT



<sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and stalked away. "I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!" he said. "I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the Lord his God and heal me! <sup>12</sup>Aren't the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn't I wash in them and be healed?" So Naaman turned and went away in a rage.

### EVEN THOUGH NAAMAN WAS GIVEN THE ANSWER TO HIS PROBLEM HE WENT AWAY VERY ANGRY.

### WHY?

NAAMAN DIDN'T JUST HAVE A SKIN PROBLEM, ULTIMATELY, HE HAD A HEART PROBLEM.

#### 2 KINGS 5:13-14 NLT

<sup>13</sup>But his officers tried to reason with him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, 'Go and wash and be cured!'" <sup>14</sup>So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed!



# THERE IS HEALING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF

## SURRENDER

#### PHILIPPIANS 2:7-11 NLT

- Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,
- 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.
- Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,



#### PHILIPPIANS 2:7-11 NLT



- that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.