

When God Says – A Breakthrough is Coming| Pastor Steve 05.12.2019
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Memory Verse: Hebrews 12: 12-13

¹² So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees.¹³ Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong.”

1 Chronicles 14:8-12--David Conquers the Philistines

⁸ When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, they mobilized all their forces to capture him. But David was told they were coming, so he marched out to meet them. ⁹ The Philistines arrived and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim. ¹⁰ So David asked God, “Should I go out to fight the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?” The LORD replied, “Yes, go ahead. I will hand them over to you.” ¹¹ So David and his troops went up to Baal-perazim and defeated the Philistines there. “God did it!” David exclaimed. “He used me to burst through my enemies like a raging flood!” So they named that place Baal-perazim (which means “the Lord who bursts through”). ¹² The Philistines had abandoned their gods there, so David gave orders to burn them.”

David saw he needed help and that there was a battle ahead. He asked God to help him and what he should do.

- Do you seek God when you are faced with a battle?
- When was a time you asked God for help facing your own battle?

After the battle, David gave all glory to God and named the place after God.

- Do you remember to give God glory and thanks after He wins battles for you?
- Do you remember to thank God when He wins battles for your family and friends?
- How can you give God the glory and recognition He deserves?
- Do you recognize when God uses you in a way you didn't expect? How do you feel?

1 Chronicles 14:13-17

¹³ But after a while the Philistines returned and raided the valley again. ¹⁴ And once again David asked God what to do. “Do not attack them straight on,” God replied. “Instead, circle around behind and attack them near the poplar trees.” ¹⁵ When you hear a sound like marching feet in the tops of the poplar trees, go out and attack! That will be the signal that God is moving ahead of you to strike down the Philistine army.” ¹⁶ So David did what God commanded, and they struck down the Philistine army all the way from Gibeon to Gezer. ¹⁷ So David's fame spread everywhere, and the LORD caused all the nations to fear David.”

Even though David had defeated the army once before, he still went to God asking for help and guidance. David was able to defeat the army twice by seeking God and by following the directions he was given.

- When you face a battle you have won before, do you go to God for advice and His approval first?
- Do you follow the advice and direction that God gives you?

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- How can you take a new grip?
- How can you mark out a straight path and lead others to be strong and not fall?
- What are you doing now in your own life to help lead others and make a straight path? If you aren't, what can you do to change that?