

I AM WILLING NOT WAYWARD

Genesis 14:1-16

Big Idea: God promises victory to those who obey Him in adversity!

Galatians 3:9, So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Genesis 14:1-4, ¹ At the time when Amraphel was king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goyim, ² these kings went to war against Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Semeber king of Zeboyim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). ³ All these latter kings joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Dead Sea Valley). ⁴ For twelve years they had been subject to Kedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

Ephesians 6:11-12, ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Genesis 14:11-13, ¹¹ The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. ¹² They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom. ¹³ A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew . . .

The Perspective of a Warrior

Genesis 14:14, When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

2 Timothy 4:5-6, ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. ⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

Isaiah 42:4; 59:15-17

God's Pathway to Victory Amidst Adversity (Genesis 14:14-24)

1) Our problems are predictable.

Genesis 14:14, When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out . . .

Psalms 112:1, 6-8

❖ Maturity turns adversity to victory!

2) Our preparation is vital.

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James 5:13-15

❖ Overcomers secure victory through somebody's maturity!

"Most people have the will to win, few have the will to prepare to win."
Bobby Knight, 4th most winningest NCAA I Basketball Coach

3) Our passion must birth action.

Genesis 14:14-16, ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

Zechariah 1:18-21, ¹⁸ Then I looked up, and there before me were four horns. ¹⁹ I asked the angel who was speaking to me, "What are these?" He answered me, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem." ²⁰ Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. ²¹ I asked, "What are these coming to do?" He answered, "These are the horns that scattered Judah so that no one could raise their head, but the craftsmen have come to terrify them and throw down these horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter its people."

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?