

Endure Hardness as a Good Soldier of Jesus Christ

2 Timothy 2 v 3



Lessons in the
Life of a Soldier

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Every Army has a

Commander in Chief.

And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse and he that sat upon him was called faithful and true. And in Righteousness doth he judge and make war.

Revelation 19 v 11

Behold I have given him for a witness to the people and a leader and commander to the people. Isaiah 55 v

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- Who was he?
- What was his message ?
- How did he go wrong?
- What lessons can we learn?

But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, "Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, 'Thus saith the LORD: Ye shall not go up nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel. Return every man to his house, for this thing is from Me.'" They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD. 1 Kings 12 v 22

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man to his house, for this thing is done from Me.'" And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam. 2 Chronicles 11 v 2

History: Conflict between Jeroboam and Rehoboam over the division of Israel 12 tribes into 10 who rebelled and the two who stayed

A'hi'jah the prophet tore the robe of Jeroboam into 12 pieces and give ten tribes to thee……

Jeroboam come to Rehoboam and asked for leniency better conditions this was refused v 10 after he listened to bad advice and Jeroboam went off and was made King of Israel with ten tribes. 1 Kings 12 v 20

Rehoboam came to Jerusalem and assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin gathering an army to fight Israel but the Lord sent Shemiah the Man of God to stop them. 1 Kings 12 v 24

Shemaiah

Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam and to the princes of Judah, who were gathered together in Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, "Thus saith the LORD: 'Ye have forsaken Me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.'" 2 Chronicles 12 v 5

Humility

And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves. Therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance, and My wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. 2 Chron 12 v 7

Shemaiah: His Prophecy of what would happen on the altar . v 2

His Cry ….. A child shall be born. Josiah v 2

Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7 v 14

The sign : The alter shall be rent the ashes poured forth... v 3

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Jesus . And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16 v 17

God to Moses And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. Exodus 4 v 8

The Kings anger Lay hold of him... v 4

Touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm." Psalm 105 v 15
God Promise to me. Isaiah 41 v 10

The Kings hand was instantly Paralysed v 4

Man in Norwich attacked me his hand was frozen in the air.
The thief in India who stole a bicycle his hand was paralysed.

The King request prayer... Could be Presumption? v6

Abraham was offered bounty... And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for thyself." And Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted up mine hand unto the LORD, the Most High God, the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take from a thread even to a shoe strap, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou should say, ' I have made Abram rich 'Genesis 14 v 21

Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. Dan 5 v 17

To Joshua. As captain of the host am I now come (The Lord)
Joshua 5 v

13/14

Behold I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Beware of him and obey his voice. Exodus 23
v 20

Captains

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And God hath set some in the church: first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracle workers, then those with gifts of healing, helpers, administrators, and those with diversity of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles. Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts, and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12 v 28-

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And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

Deuteronomy 20 v

99

The captain of whose host was Sisera, Judges 4 v
2

The captain of his host was Abner, 1 Samuel 14 v
50

Israel made Omri, the captain of the host. 1 Kings 16
v 16

Captains of thousands and hundreds, Numbers
31:48

David's captains, 2 Samuel 23 1 Chronicles 11 v
12

King appoints: 1 Sam 18 v 13. 2 Sam 17 v 25 . 2 Sam 18 v
1

As captain of the host of the LORD Joshua 5 v 14

Christ called. the Captain of their salvation. Hebrews 2 v
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Basic training [Back to top](#)

A raw recruit needs to be trained in prayer, faith obedience to orders, knowledge of his duties, preparation for warfare. Some first tests are, "Go home to your friends and tell them what great things, God has done for thee. Mark 5
v19

Go into the village. Matthew 21 v 2

Go into the city.
v 18

Acts 9 v 6

Matthew 26

Fill the water pots.

John 2 v 7

All simple tasks

A new Recruit wears a Soldiers uniform.

Under Satan his uniform was filthy rags.

Isaiah 64 v 6

Now in he wears garments of praise.

Isaiah 61

v 3

He wears robes of righteousness.

Isaiah 59 v 17

He is washed in the blood.

1 Corinthians 6

v11

Soldier has the whole armour.

Ephesians 6 v13

Weapons of warfare.

2 Corinthians 10 v

4

And a sword. Word of God quick and powerful. Hebrews 4 v

12

Greater is

He that is in you,

1 John 4 v 4

A new recruit is Separated .

Come ye apart.....

2 Corinthians 6 v

14

If any man love the world.....

1 John 2

v 15

Abraham left his home in Ur of Chaldea's

Genesis 12

v 1

Be ye not unequally yoked.....

2 Corinthians 6 v

14

Ye are not your own. 1 Corinthians 6 v 20

Whether we live/or die we are the Lord. Romans 14 v 8

A new convert will be: Persecuted 2 Corinthians 4 v 9

Yea, and all who will live a godly life in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3 v 12

The umbilical chord with the world must be cut

A recruit should count the cost [Back to top](#)

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Luke

14 v 28

Paul:

In journeying often, in perils from waters, in perils from robbers, in perils from mine own countrymen, in perils from the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

2 Corinthians 11 v 26

The Prophets ;

My brethren, take the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering affliction and of patience. James 5 v 10

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, and stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received the dead raised to life, and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection". Hebrews 11 v 32-39

Tribulation

These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." John 16 v 33

The Battle

The concept of battle is everywhere in the bible both physically and spiritually, with conflicts, disputes victories and defeats.

What are the lessons we are to learn"? 2 Timothy 3 v 16
Enmity between serpents seed /woman seed..

Genesis 3 v 15/ Revelation 12 v 17

The Lord Jesus Christ comes to Battle.

Last battle won by fire of God. Rev 19 v 11/Rev 20 v 9

If the trumpet shall sound an uncertain sound who shall
prepare for battle? 1 Corinthians 14 v 8.

The battle is not yours/ Stand still see the Salvation of God.
2 Chronicles 20 v 15/22

Are new recruits conscripts or volunteers ?

A new convert must have no trust in the world or its
methods.

We cannot build God's Kingdom with the devils bricks.
Exodus 5 v 18

Not by effort or eloquence, experience, education or
expertise, Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit saith
the Lord. Zechariah 4 v 6

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the
principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of
this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the
heavenly place Ephesians 6 v 12

De'mas has forsaken me 2 Timothy 4 v 10.

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Alexandra did, me much evil, 2 Timothy 4 v 14

It was not mine enemy but my friend Psalm 41 v 9

The disciple's forsook him and fled in fear. Mark 14 v 51

Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss. Luke 22 v

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Sentry at night. [Back to top](#)

One of the most important post is that of a Sentry at night.

It is the sentry on night duty who should warn the sleeping people.

And He came back and found them sleeping, and said unto Peter, "Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst thou not watch one hour?"
Mark 14 v 37

Wake up the guard. Therefore he saith: "Awake, thou that sleeps, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."
Ephesians 5 v14

Sound the alarm.

Blow the trumpet if when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet and warn the people, Ezekiel 33 v 3

The Christian life is a spiritual battle we are fighting,
Fight the good fight of Faith"
1Timothy 6 v 12

A soldier of Jesus Christ Endures Hardness .

Joseph was in the pit before the palace. Genesis 37 v 24

Job to suffer and be tested. Job 13 v 15

Daniel was cast into the lions den. Daniel 6 v 16

Sha'drack were cast into the fiery furnace. Daniel 3 v 23

Paul and Si'las cast into prison. Acts 16 v 25

Christ: And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was, as it were, great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke 22
v 44

Fightings within.

Romans 7 v 18 v 20

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Touch not the unclean thing Come ye apart.

If any man draw back, my soul shall have pleasure in him. Hebrews 10 v 38b
Sin shall not have dominion over you: Romans 6 v 14- 16
. Shoot yourself in foot. All that Job feared happened!
Job 3 v 25

David's sins. Lust. 2 Samuel 11 v

2

Pride

in numbering people. I have sinned greatly. 2 Samuel 24 v
10

Murder Uriah.

2 Samuel 11 v 15

Deception.

2 Samuel 2 v 8

Fear. And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of A'chish the king of Gath. And he changed his behaviour before them and feigned himself mad in their hands and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. 1 Samuel 21 v 13. 2 Timothy 1 v 7
1 John 4 v 18

Fear of Saul, “And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul, there is nothing better for me than that I should escape speedily into the land of the Philistines”. 1 Samuel 27 v 1

Absolom tragedy. King David was angry at the rape of Tamar but did nothing to rebuke him Then later when Absolom had conspired to murder Ammon he again did nothing to punish him rather mourned for his as a favourite son. V 36. Not rebuking sin had serious consequences as later Absolom rebelled against his fathers rule and lost his life in the battle. 2 Samuel 13 v 21.

Fightings without. [Back to top](#)

The devil goes about seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5 v 8

The world.. If any man love the world or the things in the world the love of the father is not in him. I John 2 v 15

Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.

Mathew 6 v 24

Friendship with the world is enmity with God.

James 4 v 4

The flesh

Walk in the spirit we shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5 v 16

The works of the flesh are these fornication all uncleanness

Ephesians 5 v 4

Cleanse ourselves all filthiness of the flesh and Spirit.

2 Corinthians 7 v 1

The Devil

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We would have come to you but Satan hindered us.

1Thessalonians 2 v 18

Angel resisted by the Prince of the kingdom of Persia.

Daniel 10 v 3

Resist the devil and he shall flee from you. James 4 v 7

Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

1 John 4 v 4

Is this the man that has deceived the whole world?

Isaiah 14 v 16

Why? No Victory No sacrificial life. All on the altar I lay

Judges 6 v 10

Annanias and Safiras. Kept part back. Acts 5 v 5

Take now thine only son whom thou lovest Genesis 22 v 1

Enemies Purpose

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Enemies purpose to deflect us / One degree of course

Divert us : To look upon our circumstances,

Peter looked on the stormy sea: Matthew 14 v 30

Lot's wife to looked back to sin city: Genesis 19 v 26

Israel craved for cucumbers in Egypt: Numbers 11 v 5

The first physical war

The Kings make war . Lot was taken captive. Abraham takes his small army to rescue him. Genesis 14 v 9.

Jehovah hath sworn:

I will have war with Amalek from generation to generation
Exodus 17 v 16

And Moses sent them, a thousand of every tribe, to the war, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand. Numbers 31 v 6

Discourage us.

Giants in the Land: Numbers 32 v 7
When we see the speck in our brothers eye. Math 6 v 23

Defeat us by dividing us.

If two of you shall agree. Unity Mark 3 v 23
Contention. Acts 13 v 59

Destroy us.

Satan hath that he may sift you as wheat. Luke 22 v 31
When there is hidden sin in the heart. 2 Corinthians 4 v 2
The old nature the old man must die. Romans 6 v 6
Amalek must be destroyed: 1 Samuel 15 v 3
Hidden sin in the camp covetousness . 1 Corinthians 6 v 10
Prophet to priest : Jeremiah 6 v 13
Idol worship: Manasseh's Sin: 2 Chronicles 33 v 7
Love the world or the things in the world: 1 John 2 v 15

No Root.

But he that receives the seed in stony ground is he that hears the word and receives it with joy. Yet he hath no root in himself.... Math 13, v 21

Defeats Why. How ?

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Abraham in Egypt and said, "She is my sister" .Genesis 20 v 2
Jacob deceived his father. Genesis 27v 1
Israel defeated because of Acchan sin . Joshua 7 v 20
Saul: What means this bleating of sheep. 1 Sam 14 v 15
David feigned madness – joined Philistines. 1 Sam 21 v 13

David numbered the people .	2 Sam 24
v 10	
Solomon. Idol Worship.	I Kings 11 v 3
Man of God talked too much.	1 Kings 13 v 1
Hezekiah showed too much.	Isaiah 39 v 4
Israel could not enter in	Hebrews 3 v 19
Master believed the owner . South wind blew softly.	Acts 27
If the light that is in you be darkness .	Matthew 6 v 23
The heart is deceitful desperately wicked	Jeremiah 17 v 9

Lessons

A chain breaks at its weakest link.

No unsanctified person should touch Gods work. Acts 6 v

Unbelief is a sin. All that is not of faith is sin. Romans 14 v 23

They could not enter in because of unbelief. Hebrews 3 v 19

The Word did not profit Hebrews 4 v 2

Wilful sin (As a Christian) Hebrews 10 v

26

The wages of sin is death. Romans 6 v 23

They overcame him (Satan) by Revelation 12 v 11

- 1/ The blood of the Lamb.
- 2/ The word of their testimony.
- 3/ They loved not their lives unto death.

Thanks be to God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 2 v 14

The wounded

Paul. I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Galatians 6 v 17

Five times received I forty stripes. 2 Corinthians 11 v 24
He was wounded for my transgressions, Isaiah 53 v 5
His visage was marred more than any man's was.
Isaiah 52 v 14

Spiritual wounds are stepping stones to glory.

Tactics

King David enquired of the Lord. 1 Chronicles 14
v10

After a victory he enquires again. 1 Chronicles 14
v 14

Jesus said Go show yourself to the priest. Luke 5 v
14.

Then stretch forth your hand. Mark 3 v 5

To Moses stretch forth thy rod/ Speak to the rock
Numbers 20 v 8- 11

To Joshua encircle Jericho seven times. Joshua 6 v 15

Specific instructions each time

In every battle there are deaths

Paul said, I die daily. 1 Corinthians 15 v 31

Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth
alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit. John 12 v 24

I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God that ye present
your bodies a living sacrifice. Romans 12 v
1

Abraham offered Isaac believing that God would raise him
from the dead. Gen 22 v 2. Heb
11 v 19

Latimer, Ridley, and Cranmer with many others were
burned at the stake for their testimony
They stoned Stephen as he was calling upon the God, Lord,
receive my spirit. Acts 7 v 59
For me to live is Christ to die is gain. Philippians 1 v 21
For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet for a
good man some would even dare to die, But while we were
yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans
5 v 7

All these died in faith. Hebrews 11 v 39

The fifth column

It was not an enemy that reproached me Psalm 55 v 12

Many walk of whom I have told you often... Philippians 3 v
18

Beware the root of bitterness. Hebrews 12 v
15

For all seek their own not the things which are Jesus Christ's.
Philippians 2 v 21

7 Battles Lost

And David said unto him, "How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me." And he answered, "The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

	2 Samuel 1 v 4
The ark of God was taken Israel defeated.	1 Sam 4 13-17
Joshua Lost Ai battle	Joshua 7 v 4
Amelek defeated	Exodus 17 v 8
Israel defeated	1 Samuel 4 v 2
Saul And the battle went sore against Saul,	1 Samuel 31 v 3

For those who lose. An Eternity in Hell.

A weeping and a gnashing of teeth”

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth when ye shall see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. Luke 13 v 28

Why.

Because as the Word of God declares

There are two resurrections the resurrection of the Just.

We must start with the resurrection. Preach and teach it...

The world is full of mockers and scoffers. 2 Peter 3 v3

The Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, Matthew 22 v 23

Therefore in the resurrection, whose wife shall she be? Matthew 22 v 28

Jesus answered: For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven. Matthew 22 v 30

But they that shall be accounted worthy to obtain that World and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage, Luke 20 v 35

Stephen while preaching

David, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of Christ that 'His soul was not left in hell, neither did His flesh see corruption.' Acts 2 v 31

Two resurrections: Separated by a thousand years

And I have hope in God, which they themselves also hold, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. Acts 24 v

15

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Revelation 20 v 6

After a thousand years.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, Revelation 20 v 7

For the first resurrection there will be rewards

And he said unto him, 'Well done, thou good servant; because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

Luke 19 v

17

7 Battles Won

Abraham recues lot

Genesis 14 v 1 -17

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle. 2 Chronicles 20 v17

Set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you,

Mulberry bushes Therefore David inquired again of God, and God said unto him, "Go not up after them; turn away from them and come upon them opposite the mulberry trees.

And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to

battle; for God has gone forth before thee to smite the host of
the Philistines. 1Chronicles 14 v 14 15

Israel And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the
Philistines drew near to battle against Israel; but the LORD
thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the
Philistines and discomfited them, and they were smitten
before Israel. 1
Samuel 7 v 10

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed
singers unto the LORD who should praise the beauty of
holiness as they went out before the army, and to say,
"Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures for ever."
2 Chronicles 20:21

The Cross; . the battle was won in the garden when Jesus
sweated as it were drops of blood Luke 22 v 44

It is finished John 19 v 30

Victory Spoils

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our
Lord Jesus Christ! 1 Corinthians 15 v 57

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through
Him that loved us. Romans 8 v 37

1/ A Crown of Life.

James 1 v 2

2/ An incorruptible Crown.

1 Corinthians 9 v 25

3/ A Crown of Righteousness.

2 Timothy 4 v 8

4/ A Crown of Glory.

1 Peter 5 v 4

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to
present you faultless before the presence of His glory with
exceeding joy, Jude 1v 24

