

BLESSINGS ON BATTLEFIELDS

SERMON NOTES:

A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

– **John 10:10 (MSG)**

God's desire is for you to live a life beyond this life.

If satan can't take you out, he'll try to wear you out.

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily ensnare us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

– **Hebrews 12:1 (KJV2000)**

You don't have to get there first, you just have to get there.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

– **1 Chronicles 16:11 (ESV)**

3 reasons we miss the blessings on the battlefields

1. Distracted Vision

If Satan can't destroy you he'll distract you.

When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him." "You unbelieving and

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perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

— **Matthew 17:14-21 (NIV)**

Unbelieving – Disconnect from God

Perverse – Too connected to the world

Prayer – Connects us to God

Fasting – Disconnects us from the world

2. Discarded Dreams

My days are over. My hopes have disappeared. My heart's desires are broken.

— **Job 17:11 (NLT)**

If you're not dead, God's not done.

Opinions of others - Hurtful past

Unmet expectations - Failure

3. Disbelief

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

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When you're blinded to the possibilities of your future you will settle for the familiarities of your past.

Just because it feels familiar doesn't mean that's God's plan.

How do I start?

1. Believe again

God's not looking for perfection, He's looking for progress.

2. Go All In

God never called you to feel ready, He called you to follow Him.

3. Get it to Jesus

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

— 1 Peter 5:7 (BSB)

It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.

— Acts 10:35 (MSG)

You can't step with all that stuff.

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. The first reason we miss blessings on battlefields is because of distracted vision. How has your vision been distracted lately?
2. What does your prayer life look like right now?

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3. The second reason we miss blessings on battlefields is because of discarded dreams. What dreams did you once have that you have given up on?
 - What dreams should you pick back up again?
4. The final reason we miss blessings on battlefields is because of disbelief. In what areas of your life are you struggling with unbelief?
5. In what areas of your life do you need to believe again?
6. How can you go all in this week?
7. 1 Peter 5:7 talks about casting all your anxiety on the Lord because He cares for you... What do you need to cast on Jesus right now?