

## **CALL IN REINFORCEMENTS**

### **“GETTING HELP IN THE BATTLE”**

If we are truly engaged in conflict as good soldiers of Christ Jesus, then we will know the toll that battling can take on us. We can become weary from fighting, sometimes we feel like giving up, we can start to wonder what the use of fighting is, if victory is even possible in this life. Soldiers around us fall as casualties – we become fearful and want to run away. Sometimes the enemy aims right for the open space in our armor to exploit our weaknesses, and the result is that we go down.

What happens when the battle gets heavy? Where do we look when the enemy presses in hard against us? What should we do when we fall down because of the fiery darts of the evil one? What do we do when we are alone in combat? Where do we look for help?

The intent of the enemy is to isolate and surround us, to finish us! He intends for you to feel alone and discouraged. He longs for you to think that you are the only person who struggles with the issues you face. He would love nothing more than to remove you from the fight. He cares little how this is accomplished because you are as good as dead on the battlefield if you are useless to the Master.

On the other hand, God has not called the Christian to fight the battle alone. In fact, He has provided limitless resources in His Word and by His Spirit for us to win the war within. Help is available to us, and one of the chief means the Lord uses in our lives is other believers. We must call in for more help – we need reinforcements!

Sometimes people think that they need others' help when the battle rages hottest, but the truth is that God has made us to always need others because the battle is always hot. There is never a time when we are called to fight alone. Rambo and the Lone Ranger are not valid examples for us to follow in our battle against sin. It is true that we have our own battles to fight within ourselves, but we are mandated by God to use all and any of the resources we need to win. Perhaps some of the reason many are beaten in the war is because there is no help from spiritual friends.

#### **Consider the principle from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12:**

**Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.**

Why do people NOT get help in their Christian lives?

➤ **Prov. 1:32**

➤ **Prov. 12:15**

➤ **Prov. 14:9**

➤ **Prov. 18:2**

➤ **Prov. 28:1**

➤ **2 Cor. 6:11-13**

What happens to people who wait to get help in dealing with their conflict with the enemy?

➤ **Psa. 32:3-6**

➤ **Heb. 3:12-13**

➤ **2 Peter 1:5-9**

What are the benefits of calling upon others for strengthening in the fight against corruption?

➤ **Heb. 10:24-25**

➤ **Jas. 5:16**

➤ **Jas. 5:19-20**

How can you help another person who has been wounded on the battlefield?

➤ **Gal. 6:1**

➤ **Matt. 18:15-20**

➤ **1 Cor. 5:1-13**

➤ **Titus 3:10**

What kind of help are you able to provide and what kind of help do you need?

➤ **1 Thess. 5:14**

➤ **Rom. 5:3-5**

➤ **2 Cor. 1:3-7 (cf. 1 Thess. 4:18)**

➤ **1 Cor. 11:1(cf. Phil. 3:17; Prov. 13:20 vs. 1 Cor. 15:33)**

➤ **Eph. 6:18**

➤ **2 Tim. 2:2**

➤ **2 Tim. 3:16-17**

➤ **Rom. 1:8-15**

➤ **1 Thess. 5:11**

➤ **1 Pet. 4:10-11**

➤ **1 John 2:26**

#### **PRACTICAL HELPS**

1. Attend the preaching of the Word as often as possible
2. Be involved deeper than Sunday morning
3. Ask for help from another Christian or an Elder/Pastor
4. Prefer Christian fellowship to worldly socializing
5. Speak deeply about the things of God for concentrated amounts of time
6. Minister to one another according to your spiritual gifts
7. Have tight accountability for the struggles in your life
8. Be involved in small groups / Home Bible Studies
9. Disciple and be discipled (Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy)