REBUKE THE WIND, SPEAK TO THE WAVES

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A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.



Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations as Your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as Your possession.



After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.



OUR VICTORY COMES NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER BUT BY HIS SPIRIT.

(Zechariah 4:6)



EVERY BATTLE IS SPIRITUAL



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.



WE FIGHT FROM A PLACE OF VICTORY, SEATED AT JESUS RIGHT HAND.

(Ephesians 2:6)



I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.



By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate.



The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work. Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire.



Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.



When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews.

Nehemiah 4:1 NIV



But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were going up and that the breaches were being closed, they were very angry. And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem, to injure and cause confusion and failure in it. But because of them we made our prayer to our God and set a watch against them day and night.



1. THEY PRAYED



After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.



2. WE'RE NOT GOING TO SUBMIT TO FEAR



3. WE'RE GOING TO REMEMBER HOW BIG GOD IS



4. FIGHT FOR OUR FAMILIES



May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us— so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.



"Our words awaken divine purpose and evict the enemy's interference in whatever circumstances we aim our faith at." - Jodie Hughes