

The Lord Is on My Side

How many today can say that I have known the Lord to be on my side before?

- I would like to **reaffirm and reassure** you, that ***the Lord is on your side.***
- I want you to leave here today saying ***the Lord is on my side,***
- **The Lord is on my side, The Lord is on my side.**

You need to know this morning,

- God **has not** left you - He **hasn't** given up on you -
- But **he wants to be involved** in every area of your life.

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Deuteronomy 20:1-4 - Principles Governing Warfare - ¹“When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt. ²So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. ³And he shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; ⁴for the LORD your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.’

In the book of **Deuteronomy chapter 20** it tells us about **the principles governing warfare for the people of God.** It provided **instructions** about their conduct during a battle.

You see God not only said how they were to **dress** and **look** and **separate themselves from the world,** but he also said **this is how you are to act,** and this is **how you are to think** when you are **going to war.**

I don't want my people being scared or showing fear when in battle, but this is **how you conduct yourself** in battle.

The Israelites are conquering the promise land at this time and *God promises to be with them* with his presence and with victory *if they will obey* his instructions.

He said when you go to battle and you see that the enemy has more horses, more chariots, and more people, don't be afraid because I am with you.

God says don't let your heart faint, don't fear, don't tremble and don't be terrified because of your enemy.

But remember the Lord your God is with you, to fight for you and to save you.

God wants someone to know today that he will be with you.

You don't have to: Fear, Tremble, Be terrified, Throw the towel in...

Because God is on your side.

- He is going to fight for you, and *he is going to* cause you to be victorious.
- It doesn't matter what the odds are against you. The Lord is on my side.
- It doesn't matter if the circumstances are insurmountable. The Lord is on my side.
- It doesn't matter if it looks hopeless. The Lord is on my side.
- It doesn't matter if the situation is bigger than you. The Lord is on my side.

God is on your side! The Lord is on my side!

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Romans 8:31 - God's Everlasting Love - ³¹What then shall we say to these things? *If God is for us, who can be against us?*

Now when it says if God be for us, it is not talking about position, because God is before us, and he is behind us and on the left side and on the right side.

- He is all around us. He never leaves us or forsakes us.
- He sticks **closer to us** than a brother.
- He is the **author and finisher** of our faith.
- It means that the Lord is on your side.

Romans 8:1-2 - Therefore, there is now ***no condemnation*** for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has ***set you free*** from the law of sin and death.

What shall we say to the things in the beginning part of Romans 8?

It says:

- There is no condemnation to those **in Christ Jesus**. Vs 1
- Christ has made me free from the law of **sin and death**. Vs 2
- To be spiritually minded is **life and peace**. Vs 6
- **If we walk in the spirit** the spirit of God dwells in us. Vs 9
- He has adopted us into his family. Vs 11
- He is making intercession for us according to the will of God. Vs 26
- All things work together for good to them that love him. Vs 28
- **He called us**. Vs 28
- **He justified us**. VS 30 - **He glorified us**. Vs 30

What shall we say then to THESE things? If God be for us who can be against us?

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There is no situation in life that God **doesn't** want to help you out of.

Your life is not so broken and messed up that God can't put it back together again.

There is **not** a person **that is too far off from God** that he **can't** reach down and turn the tables in your life today.

- **Weeping** may endure for a night...**but the Lord is on my side.**
- I've **just fallen down**... " " "
- I've got **trouble** right now... " " "
- I've got **sickness** right now... " " "
- It is **darker** than it's ever been... " " "
- **The enemy** is coming in like a flood... " " "
- **The enemy's weapons** are coming against me... " " "

If God is for me there is **no one** or **nothing** that can be against me.

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In the world of **professional wrestling**, they have all kinds of crazy matches.

They have:

- Steel cage matches, Grudge matches, matches when the last one standing wins and there are about 20 wrestlers in the ring at once.
- But one of the **more traditional kinds of matches**, besides the one-on-one match, is **the tag team-wrestling match**.
- This is a match where you and a partner are teamed up against two other wrestlers but only one wrestler can be in the ring fighting at a time.
- The way the other wrestler gets into the ring legally is for **the one that is in the ring to tag his partner**. Then that wrestler can get into the ring and fight against the opponent that is in the ring.
- Often times when the wrestler waiting to get in the match sees his partner is **getting beat, he is reaching out as far as he can** so his partner **can tag him**, and he can get in and fight.
- But perhaps his partner is too far away and can't reach out to make the tag. What is he going to do?
- There is nothing he can do legally to get into the ring. ***He must wait for the tag.***

Here is where I want to preach just for a moment.

For the scripture says that the Lord is on MY SIDE!!!

- He is on my side today. He is on your side today.
- You're **not** fighting alone.
- You're **not** in the ring by yourself.
- **This trial** that you're facing, ***you're not facing it alone.***
- But **God is on your side.**

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If you have a relationship with God, He is on your side.

That means you have repented of your sins, excepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and have been *filled with the Holy Spirit, **the Lord is on your side.***

Numbers 11:23 - The Lord answered Moses, “Is the Lord’s arm too short? Now you will see whether or not what I say will come true for you.”

Isaiah 50:2 - ²When I came, why was there no one? When I called, why was there no one to answer? Was my arm too short to deliver you? Do I lack the strength to rescue you? By a mere rebuke I dry up the sea, I turn rivers into a desert; their fish rot for lack of water and die of thirst.

Isaiah 59:1 - *Sin, Confession and Redemption* - Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.

When you reach out to him there is no shortage:

To his mercy, To his grace, To his power, To his salvation, To his ability, To his love, To his healing.

- God can reach you wherever you are at.
- You don’t have to clean yourself up first.
- Just reach out to him in faith and he can touch you today.

Psalm 118:6 - **The Lord is on my side**; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Hebrews 13:5-6 - ⁵Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we may boldly say: **“The Lord is my helper**; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

Psalms says, “The Lord is on my side.” But Hebrews in quoting this Old Testament verse says it another way. It says, “The Lord is my helper.”

I wonder what the significance is of that word **helper** in the book of Hebrews.

The word ***helper in the Greek*** is a compound word. It comes from the Greek words **(Boe)** which means a cry for help and **(Theo)** which means to run.

Put them together and it means **one who comes running when we cry for help.**

*This Greek compound word paints a word picture of the Lord as **one who is poised and ready to rush to the relief of his oppressed children when they shout for His assistance.***

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Let me illustrate this for you today.

David, who is a young boy, is going to face a grown man who is a giant, ***Goliath***.

Let's look at Goliath:

- He is 9 feet and 9 inches tall.
- He had on a bronze helmet.
- His coat of armor was 125 pounds of bronze.
- He had a spear, The head of the spear weighed 16 pounds.
- He also had a great sword in his hand.

He was an impressive man of war.

But on the other side, **there was David** – just a fair skinned, red headed boy.

Goliath made his boast:

- I'll tear you limb from limb – uh-huh.
- I'll feed you to the birds of the air – uh-huh.
- I'll feed you to the beast of the field – uh-huh.

Apparently, **you don't understand boy** I'm 10 feet tall and a man of war and you're just a little boy.

No, Goliath you don't understand because the Lord is on MY SIDE.

Hey Jesus! I need your help for just a moment! (Tag Someone)

- And then **the Lord gave David the supernatural strength to defeat Goliath.**
- **It doesn't matter if you're facing a giant in your life that's ten feet tall, all you have to do is call on Jesus!**

The Lord is on my side! (Tag Someone)

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Gideon was called one day by the Lord to defeat the Midianites.

But Lord you don't understand.

- I'm from the least tribe of Israel.
- My family is the least of the smallest tribe.
- I'm the least in my family. **I'm a nobody.**

You can't even number the Midianites there are so many of them.

- 32,000 men to start/10,000 men/300 men
- **No weapons just a trumpet, a lamp, and a pitcher and a shout**

Hey Jesus! (Tag someone)

The Lord wanted them to know that it was God that was bringing them the victory.

- **It doesn't matter what the odds are against you *if the Lord is on your side.***
- **It doesn't matter if it's 1000 against 1 *if the Lord is on your side.***
- **It doesn't matter if it seems like everything is against you *if the Lord is on your side.***
- **It doesn't matter if everybody is against you *if the Lord is on your side.***

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Moses vs. the Red Sea - (Tag Someone)

- **It doesn't matter if there doesn't seem to be any way of escape.**
- **God will step on the scene and provide a place to walk on dry ground.**

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3 Hebrews vs. fiery furnace

- King Nebuchadnezzar – Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego.

We are not even *careful to answer you* in this matter

Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us out of your hand.

Hey Jesus! (tag someone)

It doesn't matter if you're facing a fiery furnace today in your life because God is on your side.

The Lord is on my side! (Tag someone)

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Joshua vs. Jericho

It doesn't matter if the walls around your life seem to be insurmountable God can cause the walls to come down.

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Daniel - if you pray, you're going to have to pay.

- You're going to be thrown into a den of lions.
- Well Daniel kept on praying and he got thrown into a den of lions.
- There he was **the Lions vs. Daniel**.

Hey Jesus! (tag someone)

Jesus came down and shut the mouths of the lions and Daniel got a good night sleep.

- The Lord is on my side! The Lord is my helper!

CLOSE: I want you to know that the Lord is on your side, and he wants to be your helper.

It doesn't matter how difficult things are for you right now – Hey Jesus!

It doesn't matter how rough the road is that you're traveling down today – Hey Jesus!

- ***It doesn't matter how big the walls are. – Hey Jesus!***
- ***It doesn't matter how mean the lions are – Hey Jesus!***
- ***It doesn't matter how hot the furnace is – Hey Jesus!***
- ***The Lord is on my side!!!***

Somebody needs to understand today that you're not all alone because **the Lord is on your side.**

Somebody needs to understand that the Lord cares for you today and is concerned about every need that you face. **The Lord is on your side.**

- ***Salvation, Healing, Miracle, Deliverance, The Lord is on your side.***

Psalm 124 - A song of ascents. Of David.

¹ ***If the Lord had not been on our side— let Israel say—***

² ***if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us,***

³ ***they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us;***

⁴ ***the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,***

⁵ ***the raging waters would have swept us away.***

⁶ ***Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.***

⁷ ***We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.***

⁸ ***Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.***