

The God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob: The God of Impossible Victories

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[Mat 22:31-32 NASB95] 31 "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God: 32 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

[Act 3:13 NASB95] 13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, [the one] whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.

[Act 7:31-32 NASB95] 31 "When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he approached to look [more] closely, there came the voice of the Lord: 32 'I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC AND JACOB.' Moses shook with fear and would not venture to look.

[Gen 14:13-20 NASB95] 13 Then a fugitive came and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and these were allies with Abram. 14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15 He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. 16 He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people. 17 Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. 19 He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all.

- Everyone loves a comeback story. We celebrate the underdog who defeats the giant, the team that wins despite impossible odds, and the person who overcomes overwhelming obstacles.
- Genesis 14 records one of the most overlooked victories in Scripture. Abraham was not a military king. He was not the ruler of a nation. He was a pilgrim living in tents. Yet when Lot was captured by a coalition of powerful kings, Abraham found himself facing an impossible situation.
- The battle looked unwinnable. The enemy appeared stronger. The odds were stacked against him.
- Yet Abraham's story reminds us that victory is not determined by the size of the enemy but by the greatness of our God.
- The same God who gave Abraham victory still fights for His people today.

How does God give His people victory when they face overwhelming opposition?

Genesis 14 reveals five principles that show us how God turns impossible battles into supernatural victories.

I. Abraham Faced Impossible Opposition

- a. Genesis 14:9 – "Four kings against five."
- b. Genesis 14:14 – Abraham pursued the enemy with only 318 trained servants.
- c. Abraham was confronting a coalition of experienced kings who had already defeated numerous nations and armies. Humanly speaking, he had no chance of success.

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- d. The enemy was larger, stronger, and battle-tested.
- e. This was not merely a difficult battle. It was an impossible battle.
- f. Many believers today face situations that feel equally overwhelming: Financial struggles; Family crises; Addictions; Spiritual attacks; Impossible diagnoses; Ministry challenges
- g. The enemy wants us to focus on his strength instead of God's power.
- h. Application: Stop measuring your problem against your resources and start measuring it against God's ability. What appears impossible to you is completely possible with God.

II. Abraham Moved by Faith

- a. [Gen 14:14 NASB95] 14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.
- b. [Heb 11:8 NASB95] **8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed** by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- c. Abraham did not sit passively and accept defeat.
- d. Faith is not inactivity. Faith responds to God's leading.
- e. Abraham could have rationalized: "There are too many enemies." "The odds are against us." "This battle isn't mine."
- f. Instead, he acted in faith.
- g. Faith does not deny difficulties. Faith refuses to be controlled by them.
- h. Application: Some victories come only when we take a step of obedience. Pray, trust God, and then do what He is asking you to do. The miracle often begins when faith starts moving.

III. God Fought for Him

- a. [Gen 14:20 NASB95] 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all.
- b. [Exo 14:14 NASB95] 14 "The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent."
- c. Melchizedek made it clear that Abraham's victory was not the result of military brilliance.
- d. God delivered the enemy into Abraham's hand.
- e. The battle may have been fought on earth, but the victory originated in Heaven.
- f. Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly fights for His people: Israel at the Red Sea; Joshua at Jericho; Gideon against Midian; Jehoshaphat against invading armies
- g. Pentecostal believers understand that spiritual victories are not won through human strength alone.
- h. Prayer, faith, and the power of the Holy Spirit release God's intervention.
- i. Practical Application: Stop carrying battles that belong to God. Fight in prayer. Stand in faith. Trust the Holy Spirit. The Lord still fights for His people.

IV. Abraham Recovered Everything

- a. [Gen 14:16 NASB95] 16 He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.
- b. [Joe 2:25 NASB95] 25 "Then I will make up to you for the years That the swarming locust has eaten, The creeping locust, the stripping locust and the gnawing locust, My great army which I sent among you.
- c. The victory was complete. Abraham did not recover part of what was lost. He recovered everything.
- d. The enemy had taken people, possessions, and prosperity. God restored it all.
- e. This reveals the heart of God. Satan steals. Jesus restores.
- f. The enemy's goal is destruction, but God's goal is restoration.

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- g. Application: Do not accept permanent defeat in areas where God has promised restoration.
- h. God can restore: Marriages; Ministries; Families; Finances; Joy; Peace; Spiritual passion
- i. The God of Abraham is still the God of recovery.

V. Abraham Gave Glory to God

- a. [Gen 14:18-20 NASB95] 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. 19 He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all.
- b. [Psa 115:1 NASB95] 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, But to Your name give glory Because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth.
- c. After the battle, Abraham did not celebrate himself. He worshiped.
- d. Melchizedek reminded Abraham where the victory came from. Abraham responded with gratitude and honor by giving a tithe.
- e. Before he enjoyed the blessing, he acknowledged the Blessor.
- f. Victories can become dangerous if they lead to pride.
- g. Every breakthrough should produce worship. Every victory should increase gratitude.
- h. Application: When God answers prayer, don't forget to thank Him. When breakthrough comes, worship Him. When victory arrives, honor Him.
- i. Give God the glory for every blessing and every breakthrough.

- **When God's people move in faith, Yahweh can turn impossible battles into undeniable victories for His glory.**
- The same God who delivered Abraham's enemies into his hand is still working today.
- "Lord, You are the God of Abraham. Fight the battles we cannot fight. Bring deliverance where there is bondage, restoration where there is loss, breakthrough where there is resistance, and victory where there has been defeat. Let every victory bring glory to Jesus Christ. Amen."