

Notes used in the Message

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18-0527am - Stand Up and Do Something About It - Nathaniel Greene

PSALMS 144:1-2

1 Blessed *be* the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, *and* my fingers to fight:

2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

We find ourselves often times on the brink of or in the middle of a battle, whether it be spiritual, physical or mental and in ourselves it seems that more times than not that there's no way to win, no way to get the victory. But we have to realize as the scripture read that the Lord is our strength, He is our way maker.

56-0405 - "The Resurrection Of Jesus"

And the great climax is at hand. The great warfare between the devil and God is going on, and the scene is being set for the final front lines where the—the clash will come; and God will reign and rule, for the Lamb was with them, overcome them. For He's Lord of lords and King of kings, and He will ride down every opposition. Amen.

We're in a fight for our lives, it's time we stand up and do something about it! I want to bring this out as a heavy weight title boxing match.

There are several components that make up a good fight.

Promotion: Letting everyone know that there is a big fight coming.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:14

(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

62-0531 - "The Conflict Between God And Satan"

58 God knew this great warfare was coming on, between right and wrong, and He knew what the enemy was going to do. He knew just exactly how to equip His people. So if we notice, the very first thing that God equipped His children was...Being infinite, He knew what it took to defeat Satan, any time, any place, anywhere, on any conditions.

JOB 14:1

Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.

1 PETER 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Training/conditioning: Each fighter has their own methods of training and conditioning their bodies to get ready for the big fight. In other words how to get ready to fight.

1. EPHESIANS 6:12-17

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Stand means to get ready, something is coming. Gird your loins....

2. Many fighters study their opponents to find their strengths and weaknesses. How they move or how they hit.

62-1231 - "The Contest"

13 Now, training for a contest is just like a boxer. His—his enemy that he's going to meet out there in a contest, to fight, a real good fighter usually knows and studies his opponent. He studies his licks, knows where he fights for, whether he leans forward, hangs back, fights right-handed or left-handed. He studies all this. And then if he's a good, smart fighter, he gets him a sparring partner that'll fight just like his opponent fights, for he'll know all of his licks when he gets to that place.

14 And I think that's a very good thing for Christians to do. That's right. And now if you want to start training, start with John 3:16, the Golden Rule. Start right out with that, and that'll get you on the floor. And then train for the—for the knockout punches, because you're going to have to use them. Everybody knows that. You have to train to hit your enemy. And always, God uses His Word. We must remember that God uses His Word to defeat His enemy. If God could think or could have give His people anything better to defeat the enemy with, He would have done it. So as I have always said, "When God makes a decision, that's the best that there is. He never has to alter His decisions." So the first decision God gave His people in the garden of Eden, to combat the enemy, was His Word. They were fortified with His Word.

3. Sparring/ practice fights:

62-0408 - "Presuming"

36 When I first started training for boxing, before I got in professional fighting, there used to be a trainer, they called him "Six Second Smith." The first professional fight he had, he whipped the man in six seconds. And when I started training, that man liked to killed me. He'd knock me plumb out of the ring and everything else. And I was skipping ropes, and running seven, eight miles every day, and taking all the training.

And I said, "Six, why do you have to do me that way?" See? I said, "You just knock the breath out of me. Man, I went plumb over four ropes, come right out of there in—in amongst them chairs, and liked to broke my back on them."

He laughed, said, "That'll do you good."

I said, "Do me good? How can it do me good? You're about to kill me."

And he said, "Look, Billy. I don't care how physically fit you are; your body's got to be able to stand that, come back right quick. If you take a hard punch." said, "if your body's not used to coming back, you'll lay there and take the count." He said, "But if your—your body's used to taking it, then coming back..." Every time you hit it, that shocks the blood, runs it back to the heart.

Said, "If you do that." said, "then your body's used to coming back quick. When you get knocked down [Brother Branham snaps his fingers—Ed.] on your feet again." See? And said, "That don't mean a thing when you get knocked down—up on your feet again, quick." Said, "You hate me now. But you'll appreciate me when you get out there in the ring." That was right.

Two instances where David could prove God would help him defeat Goliath.

4. Supplements/ vitamins: Some fighters will take supplements or certain natural things to help build muscle and stamina.

Promises in the Bible, there's a supplement/promise for everything you come up against.

8883 visions throughout the Message, 8800 promises in the Bible. One for everything.

HEBREWS 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

62-0531 - "The Conflict Between God And Satan"

Now, He wouldn't say, "I'll give them something here, and then a few years later, I may study out something better to give them, and then after a few years later."

59 Like we, in military force, the old bow and arrow, and sledge, rock hammer, and then the next was a...After the bow and arrow, come the musket, and after the musket come the Springfield, and—and now the—the atomic weapons and things. See? We keep growing more.

60 But, God, at the beginning, gave His children the atomic weapon, because He's the infinite God. Now, seeing there was going to be a conflict, and there was going to be a battle, God equipped His children with the right kind of ammunition, right kind of an attack, the right kind of everything that they had need of, that would sweep them all the way from Eden to the Rapture. What was it? The Word. The Word. That's what defeats Satan, is the Word. It'll defeat him anywhere, any place. Now, why do we want to substitute something else, when we've already got the best thing that there is, the Word?

Press conferences: Many times the two fighters will get together with the media and so forth to discuss the fight and each one's expectations and so forth.

Some times one of the two parties will start to talk junk and try to intimidate the other. We find that is the case in Matthew 4 when Satan tried to tempt Jesus.

Holding back.....

Weigh ins: Fighters have to take part in a pre-fight weigh in.

Often times one fighter will find themselves overweight for the specific bracket in which they are to fight. They'll need to lose the extra weight or risk forfeiting the match.

The same can be said for us as Christians when we let some problem or circumstance weigh us down too much.

HEBREWS 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Now the time comes for the main event!

The moment you've been training for, it's time to stand and fight!

When that bell rings we've got two choices: fight or flight.

I don't want to run away I want to stand and fight with everything that is within me!

53-0831 - "God Talked To Moses"

"Look, I'll give it to you, the land's over there. But before you get there, you've got to fight." That's what's the matter with people today, they're afraid to stand and fight. What we need is...

I must fight if I should reign,

Increase my courage, Lord.

Must I be carried home to heaven

On a flower bed of ease,

While others fought to win the prize

And sailed through bloody seas?

No, I must fight if I must reign. (That's right.)

We're in the heat of the fight now and at some points we're going to feel like we're getting defeated, like the fight could go either way. It's going back and forth and you're getting tired but just push through.

62-1231 - "The Contest"

18 He said, "Oh, surely..." See, there you come, just that much, "Surely you won't die." But God said you would, and that settles it! And that—that broke that great tug-of-war then, and pulled the whole human race into death, because Eve listened to a reasoning against God's Word. Now, it's a shame that she did it, but it's done past. But now we're still fortified, and that link was made up in Christ Jesus. We know that. God gave us our best defense, just simply to trust His Word.

Push through, don't let satan know you're getting tired, don't give him that inch he needs.

When a fighter gets his second wind, although he may be tired he finds that added strength to press on!

All of a sudden the tables have turned and we're giving the devil one-two combinations left and right.

Hit him with the 1 Peter 2:24 left hand (24] Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.)

Then give him that Mark 16 right hook (**Mar 16:17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mar 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.)

Finish him off with an Acts 2:38-39 upper cut (**Act 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.)

By then he's down for the count! He's not getting back up he's been defeated!

You've won the fight, you've collected the prize (healing, deliverance, whatever you were fighting for) Now the victory celebration comes!

64-0216 - "Identification"

201 Now sometimes faith is unknown to you; you got it, and you don't know it. If you try to push yourself into something, you miss it, you go over the top of it. It's so humble and simple, see. "And He is the High Priest that can be touched by our infirmities." Then, if you touched Him, He would act like He did before. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Now watch.

202 You see this woman setting right down here? I don't know the little soul. She is just setting there, but somehow she is in contact with God. Cause, in the dimension that I'm now looking in, I see the woman, and she is conscious that something is going on. She is praying for her children who is not here. That is right. I don't know her. I've never seen the woman, but she was deeply concerned about some children.

203 Do you believe me to be His servant? Do you believe that, that Jesus Christ is here, the Holy Spirit Who...You see, if we can get ourselves out of the way! See? Now to heal you, I can't. See? Or, to give you your desire, I can't. See, that has to come through God, 'unless He would tell me to tell you something. Now, but if He can reveal to me what's the matter with that child, or whatever it is, you—you will believe me to be His servant? You will.

204 Now the whole audience, if you wish, the lady is setting right here. Would you stand up? Now, the Bible laying here before me, I do not know the woman. I've never seen her. Now, here, come right back to Sychar now.

205 Please, everyone be reverent. See? When you see something... See, it's a spirit, it moves, throws me off again.

206 Yes, the lady has three children she is praying for, and all three of them is shadowed. That is, they are not Christians. They're unsaved. That is right. One of them is a girl, and she has a sore on her leg, up

high. That's right, isn't it? One, something wrong with their eyes, one of the boys. Another one has got heart trouble, and is an alcoholic. That's true. Is that your desire? Is that what you want from God? [The sister says, "Amen."—Ed.] Then I ask, in Jesus' Name, that He gives you what your desire is. You need—need anything, anything else?