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Hold on to God, rely on God, and be invincible

2 Chronicles, chapter 13

Chapter 13 of 2 Chronicles focuses on the war between King Abhiyang of Judah in southern Israel and King Jeroboam of Ephraim in northern Israel.

Abhiyang, the grandson of King David, ruled Judah for three years, during which time he fought Jeroboam at war on several occasions. In this war, Jeroboam led a large army against Judah, and Abhiyang led his own army to meet it. The 400,000 men of the southern kingdom of Abyan defeated the 800,000 men of Jeroboam Israel in the north, and 500,000 of Israel's men died.

Before the battle, Abyan addressed the Israeli army, expressing their beliefs and motivations for fighting. He reminded the soldiers that Israel and Judah were both descendants of King David, and that God would bless the faithful. They were going to fight for God and their country, and they hoped that when the war was over, all Israelites would unite and worship God.

Judah's miraculous victory was due to their complete trust in God, while Israel's defeat was due to their abandonment of God by relying too much on military power. Human strength and wisdom only make man arrogant, thinking that he can overcome everything, but in the end he disappears without a trace, powerless in the face of God's power, and can do nothing at all. As Isaiah 31:1 says, "Woe to those who go down to Egypt to ask for help! for trusting in horses,

trusting in many chariots, and trusting in strong horsemen, but looking not to the Holy One of Israel, nor to inquiring of the LORD."

Psalm 20:7-8 also says, "Some lean on chariots and some on horses, but let us mention the name of the Lord our God." They all bowed down and fell, but we arose and stood upright." History tells us that those who rely on chariots and horses eventually "bow down and fall down," while those who rely on God always "stand upright." Today's text tells us not to rely on our own wisdom or money, status and power, but only to rely on God to stand firm and stand long.

A bad king can still win by relying on God! No matter whether a person is good or evil, as long as he repents and trusts in God, God will be on his side. When we hold on to God in times of danger and difficulty, God wants to be with us. Whenever we repent, we have a chance. This is Abiyang's reminder to us! We have to hold on to God at all times. Even if we feel unworthy and imperfect, we have to hold on to God. When we grasp God, God's wrath will be completely quenched and our prayers will be heard. We are imperfect, but if we return to the foundation of our faith and rely on God, God will be with us! No matter how bad we are, as long as we call on God, God will help us with a smile. We are to hold on to God at all times, rely on Him, and continue to follow Him throughout our lives.

In every Christian's journey through life, grasping God and relying on Him is the foundation of our invincibility. Whether we are facing life's challenges, confusions, or pain and sorrow, we can find strength and guidance from God. This article will explore how to gain invincible faith and power by grasping God and relying on God. The first step in grasping God is to be firm in faith. Faith is a bridge between us and God, and it allows us to find our way through confusion and predicament. There are many teachings about faith in the Bible, such as Hebrews 11:1, which says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Through prayer, Bible reading, and worship, we can continually strengthen our faith and hold fast to God's promises and Word.

Relying on God means committing ourselves completely to our lives and trusting in His wisdom and plans. We often feel that we have to control everything, but in fact, God alone is the Lord of our lives. As Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, not in your own understanding, but in all your ways you will acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths." When we learn to surrender our burdens to God, He will open a path of light for us.

When we grasp God and rely on Him, God gives us invincible strength. Life's trials and challenges are inevitable, but with God's presence, we are able to face everything without fear. Romans 8:31 encourages us: "What else can we say, then? If God helps us, who can stand against us? With God's help, we can surpass our abilities and overcome all kinds of difficulties to achieve victory.

We prayed together

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to You with humble hearts and beg You to give us a heart that is willing to rely on You. We know that we cannot attain true peace by our talents, money, or status. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us no longer rely on worldly forces, but to trust You completely, relying on Your wisdom and guidance.

Thank you Lord for using us and giving us the authority to accomplish Your will on earth. Help us to remain humble, to know our place, and to be faithful to God's trust. May we not fall into ruin, as Jeroboam did, because he carried the glorious trust of God.

Lord, make us truly know and fear You! Make us understand our place and use your authority to edify all so that we may fulfill your glorious heart. May our words and deeds reflect Your glory and be Your faithful servants who walk in Your will.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

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13:1 In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam, Abijah became king of Judah.

13:2 and reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Magachah, the daughter of Uriel the Gibeon. Abijah was at war with Jeroboam.

13:3 On one occasion Abijah led 400,000 selected soldiers into formation, all of whom were brave warriors . Jeroboam also chose 800,000 mighty men to set up for Abijah.

13:4 And Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the midst of the hill country of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, ye Jeroboam and all Israel.

13:5 Do you not know that the God of Israel made the covenant of salt (salt is the idea that it will not be destroyed) to give the nations of Israel to David and his children forever?

13:6 Jerobo, the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon, the son of the great David, rose up against his master.

13:7 Some of the scoundrels gathered together and followed him, and attacked Solomon's son Rehoboam. At that time Rehoboam was too young to resist them.

13:8 Now you are willing to resist the kingdom of Jehova, which the sons of David dominishes, and you are multitude, and you have Jeroboam made for you to be the golden calf of God.

13:9 Are you not the descendants of Aaron the priest of Jehova and the Levites? Do you not make priests for yourself according to the wicked customs of the Gentiles? Whoever takes a calf of a bull and seven rams divides himself may be a priest of an empty God.

13:10 As for us, Yahweh is our God, and we have not forsaken Him. We have priests who serve Jehohua, all of Aaron's descendants, and some of the Levites, each doing his ministry.

13:11 Every morning and evening he offered burnt offerings to the Yahweh, and burned fragrant incense, and set the loaves on the pure table. And there was a golden candlestick and lamps, which were lit every night, because we kept the commandment of the Lord our God. But you have forsaken him.

13:12 It is God who leads us, and here we have God's priests with trumpets and loud voices against you. Do not wrestle with the gods of your fathers, Jehovah, men of Israel, for you will not be prosperous.

13:13 But Jeroboam set up an ambush behind the Jews. In the same way, the Israelites were before the Jews, and the ambush was behind the Jews.

13:14 And when the children of Judah looked back, and saw that there were enemies on both sides of the front, they cried out to Jehovah, and the priests sounded their trumpets.

13:15 So the Jews cried out. And when the Jews cried out, God brought Jeroboam and Israel to defeat before Abijah and Judah.

13:16 The Israelites fled before the Jews, and God delivered them into Judah's hands.

13:17 Abijah and his men slew the Israelites with great slaughter, and the Israelites fell to the dead 500,000 of their best soldiers.

13:18 At that time, the Israelites were subdued, and the Jews were victorious because they trusted in the God of their fathers, Jehovah.

13:19 Abijah pursued Jeroboam and took several of his cities, namely Bethel and the towns of Bethel, Jeshanah and the towns of Jesharna, Ephraim and the towns of Ephran.

13:20 During Abijah's lifetime, Jeroboam could no longer be strong. yes and hua attacked him , and he died .

13:21 But Abijah grew stronger, and took eleven wives and concubines, and begat twenty-two sons and eleven daughters.

13:22 The rest of Abijah's events and his words and deeds are written in the biography of the prophet Idus.

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When the war began, the Judah army used their combat experience and defensive tactics to defeat the Israeli army. Jeroboam's army fled in panic, suffering heavy casualties. Achan and Judah's army pursued the Israeli army and seized a large amount of territory and possessions.

In this war, Achan's victory showed God's blessing and support. Although Judah later had some political and religious problems, the war helped him secure his throne and strengthen Judah's power.

Overall, chapter 13 reminds us that faith and unity are the keys to overcoming adversity in the face of external threats. Achan's speeches and victories also show that faith and reverence for God can lead to strength and victory in battle.

A few important passages from 2 Chronicles 13:

1. "Abijah arose, the son of Jerubbaal. He led a mighty army of 400,000 to attack Jeroboam. (2 Chronicles 13:3)- This verse describes the background of Abijah's birth and the situation of his great army against Jeroboam, king of Israel.
2. "Jerubbaal attacked before Abijah, and Abijah led his valiant army into battle." (2 Chronicles 13:13) - In this verse, the army led by Jeroboam, king of Israel, attacked before Abijah, and Abijah led the brave army into battle.
3. "And the Lord caused Judah to defeat Jeroboam and all Israel, and the men of Judah took their cities, because they trusted in the LORD, the God of their fathers." (2 Chronicles 13:18) - In this verse, God blessed Abijah and the Jews to defeat Jeroboam, king of Israel, and his army, and to take their cities.
4. "And Abijah grew stronger, and took fourteen wives, and bore twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters." (2 Chronicles 13:21) - This verse describes Abijah's growing strength, as well as the number of wives he married and the number of children he bore.
5. "For half a year of Judah, Abijah fought against Jeroboam." (2 Chronicles 13:2) - This verse states that the war lasted for half a year, emphasizing the long-term nature of the war.