



Private Victory

David killed Goliath, but he first killed the lion and the bear.

I Samuel 17:34-36

But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."

Moses held his hands lifted high, and because of his private victory, Joshua had a public victory on the battlefield

Exodus 17:8-13

Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Private victory precedes public victory

There is no victory without warfare.

Public victories are an echo or a reflection of your private victories.

Overcoming in private will enable you to overcome in public. .

Defeating demonic temptation privately will strengthen you to defeat demonic terror publicly.

How do we overcome the lion and the bear privately? How can we, like Moses, endure holding our hands lifted high?

1. Use what is in your hand.

David fought the lion and bear with what he had in his hands.



Moses held the rod of God in his hands on the top of the mountain. It was the same rod he had held in his hands when parting the red sea.

What has God given you?

He has given you the Name of Jesus and the Word of God. The bible is your sword. It is the final authority, and it is fire and a hammer

Ephesians 6:17

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

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Jeremiah 23:29

"Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

2. Endure until the end.

Private victories are most of the time achieved in marathons, not sprints.

Moses held his hands up in the air until sunset and had a private victory, resulting in public triumph.

3. Don't fight alone.

Moses had Aaron and Hur.

Your private battles still have space for sidekicks.

4. Prayer is our lifeline.

Prayer is a salve to every sore and a remedy to every malady.

Prayer is what connects us to heaven no matter how deep we go into the water.

Prayer is our lifeline.

Prayer is what sustains us.