

The Weapon Only You Can Use

News flash: You don't have to be a worship leader to worship, and you do not have to be a singer to sing. You only have to be a child of God, which is a good thing, because there are many battles we win in song!

There is such power in praise. I believe that when we sing God's Word, we make the enemy shake and tremble with fear. As we wield words of adoration and gratitude—often spoken as songs—heaven is accessed, and an audience in the courts of our Father is granted. The combination of musical instruments and song has the power to alter the very environment that surrounds us.

When we sing, God is magnified. His dominion is declared over our situation. So when we choose to praise Him in the midst of battles unseen, He fights for us.

There was a time when the choir of Judah defeated three impossibly large armies that had assembled to destroy them. As God's holy people shouted and praised their invincible God, He threw the enemy armies into confusion and caused them to slaughter one another. And what was their strategic battle cry?

"Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever" (2 Chr. 20:21).

What army can stand against the power of enduring love? Not one, because love cannot fail.

Another one of my favorite examples of God fighting on our behalf in the midst of a battle is told in Isaiah:

"You shall have songs, as in the night when a festival is kept, and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the Mighty One of Israel. The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be

heard, and shall show the descending of His arm with the indignation of His anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and cloudburst, and hailstones. For through the voice of the Lord the Assyrian shall be beaten down when He strikes with a rod. And every blow of the rod of punishment which the Lord shall lay on him shall be with tambourines and harps; and in battles, brandishing weapons, He will fight them" (Is. 30:29-32).

Our part in this equation is to open our mouths and sing! But not just any song will do. We are to sing in unified joy with all our strength and might as God routs the enemy.

As you open the gates of your heart through intentional gratitude and thankfulness for what God has done, you come in contact with all that He is. Our songs in the night move Him into our day, and the enemy's progress is arrested as we are brought into God's presence. What a magnificent thought!

I challenge you this week to ask God where you can step out on the battlefield with your worship. Let's sing our battle cry in praise!

*To dig deeper into this subject, check out **Lisa Bevere's** book **Girls With Swords: How to Carry Your Cross Like a Hero.***