

Victory Is Coming!

Encouragement for Battle-Wearied Christians

Chapter Three



Jeremiah 1:18-19

Have you been in a situation where everything fell apart, and no one seemed to know how to fix the problem? One directive competes with the next. Collaboration collapses while petty kingdoms fight for supremacy. Uncertainty rules while onlookers assess which power broker will emerge victorious.

God's favor often brings privileges, but not always. Not because God doesn't care or want to give you the best, but because others want to silence the truth he will speak through you. God wants you to correct wrongs and model obedience to him.

If others resist the holy principles you share with them in loving respect, know that God will strengthen you to deliver the message he wants to go forth.

For reflection

God told Jeremiah: *"I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land...They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you"* (Jeremiah 1:18-19 NIV).

When others stray, don't try to hit them over the head with religious mantras to knock sense into them. Serving as an agent for change requires delicate negotiation. However, biting your tongue may not be what God wants, either. You may be in a pivotal place, positioned by God, to call them back to him and remind them of his love with gentle words of truth. You may be the only spokesperson to help them correct the course of their life, and thereby avoid much tragedy.