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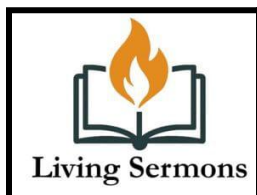
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Foreword

In *How to Win the Battle*, Priscilla Shirer brings us into the reality that most believers acknowledge in theory but often struggle to live in practice—that life is not merely shaped by visible circumstances, but by spiritual dynamics that operate behind them. Yet she does not approach this truth with abstraction. She grounds it in Scripture, in clarity, and in a call to active faith.

What emerges throughout these pages is not a theory of spiritual warfare, but a posture of victory. Gideon's story becomes more than history; it becomes a mirror. We see fear, hesitation, and limitation—but we also see what happens when a man hears what God has already declared and begins to move from that place of certainty. That shift is the heartbeat of this message.

There is a consistent emphasis that must not be missed: the battle is not first won on the field, but on the knees. Worship precedes warfare. Faith precedes strategy. And obedience precedes manifestation. These are not poetic ideas—they are spiritual laws woven through Scripture and repeatedly affirmed in this message.

What makes this teaching especially vital is its refusal to leave the reader passive. It presses toward response. It challenges the tendency to wait for visible confirmation before acting on divine instruction. Instead, it calls the believer to trust what God has already spoken, even when it defies natural logic, and to move accordingly.

As you read, you will find yourself gently but firmly redirected—from anxiety to assurance, from reaction to worship, from fear to obedience. That is the work of a message shaped by truth rather than emotion.

— *Wisdom Epsi*

Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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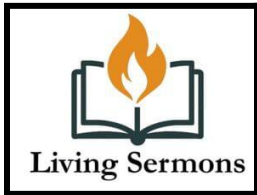
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Preface

This message is a stirring reminder that the battles we face in life are never merely physical. Behind every visible struggle lies a spiritual reality, and victory is secured not by human strength, but by divine authority and surrendered worship.



Introduction

Well, hi y'all.

It's a privilege to be with you this morning and to share what I love—just a little from the Word of God. I believe in the power of the Word of God. Anybody else? I believe it gives us life. So it is my privilege to serve you in this way. Your women's ministry through Shine has been such a personal blessing to me over the past seven years. I have been a beneficiary of the ministry that has come out of this house. And to pour back into you this morning truly is a privilege.

We had a wonderful time at Shine this weekend. God was here, and I'm excited to be with you this Sunday morning.

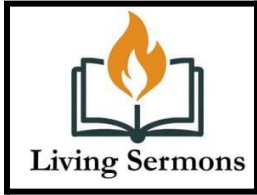
Honouring Spiritual Leadership

My husband and I, and our boys, are privileged to serve in many places. But you need to know something about this house—the leadership God has given you is a gift. Pastors, leaders, shepherds... they have given their lives to shape our souls and ensure that when we stand before Jesus, we hear, *"Well done."*

You have been given great shepherds here. I hope you never take that for granted. It is an honour to serve under their leadership today.

Opening Prayer

*Lord Jesus, thank You for Your Word. Thank You that it is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. In these moments together, take one message and divide it in thousands of ways so that every person hears directly from You. In Jesus' name,
Amen.*



A Personal Moment of Joy and Family

We've been excited to be here these past few days. My family is here with me—my husband Jerry and our boys. We have three sons: Jackson (10), Jerry Jr. (8), and Jude (4). Jude is our surprise baby—we're not even sure how he arrived, but he's here and full of life. All our boys serve in the children's ministry here. They've been helping, praying, and taking part in what God is doing.

They're also little athletes. Right now, baseball is the season of life in our home. My husband is a big man—6'3", about 250 pounds—so our boys are following suit. They're giants. My 10-year-old wears a men's size 10 shoe. My 8-year-old looks like he's 11.

So whenever we go to Little League, we always have to show birth certificates. Nobody believes their ages.

The Battle of Insecurity

Last season, we were at a baseball tournament in the heat of Texas. My son's team was doing well, advancing through game after game. But then came a team they had faced before—a team that had already defeated them badly earlier in the season. These were serious players, disciplined, confident, intimidating.

As we walked toward the field, my son became anxious. His shoulders dropped. His confidence disappeared. Then something happened.

As we passed the opposing team, two of the boys said:

“That’s JC. Remember him? He’s the one who hit it over the fence.”

My son heard his name. And everything changed. His head lifted. His chest rose. His confidence returned. It is amazing what happens when you hear what the enemy really thinks about you.

Gideon: A Man in Battle

There is a man in Scripture whose story mirrors many of ours—Gideon. He is insecure. Overwhelmed. Outnumbered. Afraid. And many of you are in battles too—marriage, finances, parenting, health, the workplace. But behind every physical struggle is a spiritual war.

We are not merely dealing with circumstances—we are dealing with an enemy warring against our souls. And if we are not careful, we will lose confidence by focusing only on what we see. But everything changes when you understand what the enemy already knows about you. Even if you don’t believe what God says about you, the enemy does.

He knows you are forgiven.

He knows you are victorious.

He knows weapons formed against you will not prosper.

He knows God is for you.

It would be a tragedy if the enemy is more convinced of your victory than you are.

Gideon’s Turning Point

Gideon had 300 men facing 135,000 soldiers. A ratio of 450 to 1. Humanly impossible. But before the battle, God sends him to the enemy camp. There, he overhears soldiers speaking: They are afraid of him.

They say Israel will defeat them. And suddenly, Gideon is strengthened. When he hears what the enemy thinks, confidence rises within him.

How to Win the Battle

Judges 7:15 says:

“And it came to pass, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream... that he worshipped...”

Gideon worshipped before the strategy was revealed. Before the instructions came. Before the victory was seen.

This is the key:

You begin the battle on your knees.

Worship in advance. Worship before the walls fall. Worship before the answer comes. Like Joshua at Jericho—God did not say wait for the walls to fall and then shout. He said shout first. Worship precedes victory.

A Living Testimony of Worship

While visiting Kyiv, I saw ancient churches filled with beauty and history. People gathered, touching relics, hoping for power from what was dead. But our Jesus is not dead—He is alive. Seated at the right hand of the Father. All power belongs to Him. And the veil has been torn. We all now have access. No restriction. No barrier. No class system. No hierarchy. We can all come boldly before the throne of grace.

The Privilege of Worship

We should never take for granted that we can begin our battles on our knees. God does not need our worship—but He receives it. And we have the privilege to worship the living God freely, boldly, and directly.

So whatever battle you are facing— do not begin it with fear.

Do not begin it with defeat.

Do not begin it with anxiety.

Begin it on your knees. Worship first. Then watch God work.

You and I can come boldly to the throne of grace. He gives us the privilege to win a battle by beginning the battle on our knees. The question is—what gave Gideon the courage to worship God even though the Midianites were already rallying for war right in front of him?

What caused him to rise in worship instead of fear?

We find the answer in Judges 7:15.

“And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped...”

Then Gideon returned to the camp of Israel and said:

“Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.”
(Judges 7:15, KJV)

“The Lord HAS Given” — Living From What Is Already Settled

Gideon returns to the 300 and declares:

“Arise... the Lord has already given the victory into our hands.”

He does not say, *“I hope God will give us victory.”*

He does not say, *“Let’s go and see what happens.”*

He speaks from certainty:

“The Lord has already given.”

That is how you win a battle. You begin on your knees, and you face the battle from a stance of victory.

Fighting FROM Victory, Not FOR Victory

There are things in your life as a believer that are already settled in heaven.

You are not fighting for victory.

You are fighting from victory.

Victory is already yours because you belong to the family of God. Christ has already overcome the world. The enemy knows it. The question is—do you?

You begin the battle on your knees, and you face it from victory.

Over 8,000 Promises Already Within Reach

The Bible contains over 8,000 promises for believers in Christ. Not just stories of what God did— but invitations to what He still does.

And I don't want to only read about His power. I want to experience it. But here is the truth:

Most of those promises are not placed directly in your hand. They are placed within your reach. Meaning there is a process. There is cooperation. There is obedience.

Possessing What God Already Said Is Yours

When Joshua entered the promised land, God said:

“Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you...” (Joshua 1:3, KJV)

It was already given—but they had to step into it. And yet Israel stayed in small portions of the land for years, intimidated by enemies, while an entire inheritance remained unclaimed. It was not that it was not theirs—it was that they would not go and take it.

Don't Settle in a Small Portion of What God Has Given

What would change if you stopped being intimidated by the “enemies” in front of you?

What if you stood on the Word of God and placed your feet on His promises—believing what He said is what He will do?

That is how battles are won:

Begin on your knees.

Face from victory.

Then step forward in faith.

When Gideon returned from the enemy camp, everything had changed. He was no longer fearful. He was confident. And that shift affected the entire army. One voice changed the atmosphere of 300 men. Imagine what happens when one person in a home, a workplace, a school, or a marriage decides:

“I believe God.”

Becoming a Carrier of Faith

What if you became the one who walks into your environment believing:

- “My marriage can be restored.”
- “My home will be healed.”
- “God will provide.”
- “God is faithful.”

One person's faith can shift an entire atmosphere.

Surrounded by Trees, But Still Connected

I live near a close friend named Rachel. We live in a rural area with many tall trees. Beautiful—but those trees disrupted our internet signal. At times, I would go to her house just to use her high-speed internet. She became so used to me that she would leave her door open and coffee ready.

Why? Because she had what I needed. And that is what faith-filled relationships are like. When your environment feels heavy, God places people around you who carry what you lack in that moment. But even more importantly—you can become that person for someone else.

At some point, God gave Gideon instructions:

“Divide the 300 men into three companies... and put trumpets in every man’s hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.” (Judges 7:16, KJV)

No swords. No bows. Just jars, lamps, and trumpets. If I were there, I would have questioned the strategy. But here is the truth: **God’s strategy rarely makes sense to human reasoning.**

Isaiah 55 reminds us:

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts...” (Isaiah 55:8, KJV)

When Obedience Feels Illogical

Sometimes God will ask you to:

- Apologise first
- Give when it seems small
- Move when it feels uncertain
- Obey when it doesn't make sense

And often, that is exactly where victory is hidden.

Because if it doesn't make sense—it may be God.

Simple Obedience Produces Supernatural Results

Gideon obeyed what made no sense, and confusion came into the enemy's camp. The Bible even labels it:

“The confusion of the enemy.”

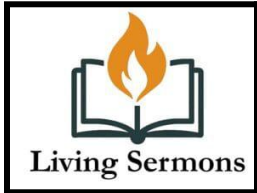
But honestly, it could also be called:

The confusion of the obedient. Because God's strategy often looks foolish to human logic—but powerful in spiritual reality.

A Story of Misunderstanding Direction

A friend once misunderstood directions in an airport. She went to the wrong terminal because she assumed what was written meant something else. It cost her time, energy, and stress. The lesson is simple: If you believe exactly what was said, you save yourself unnecessary struggle. The Holy Spirit is saying this clearly:

If you will believe exactly what God has said, exactly as He said it, you will walk in victory without unnecessary sweat.

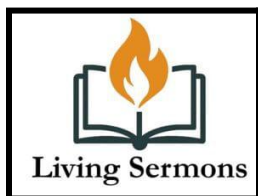


Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for this clear Word. Let it settle deeply in our hearts and transform us.

We pray that every circumstance represented here will align with Your victory. Let breakthroughs manifest, let faith rise, and let Your people walk in what You have already provided.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

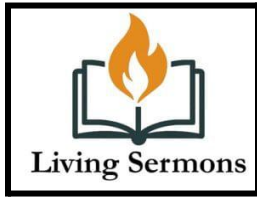


About the Speaker

Priscilla Shirer is a renowned Bible teacher, author, and conference speaker with a global influence in Christian ministry. She is widely recognised for her clear, Spirit-led teaching of Scripture and her ability to communicate deep biblical truths in a way that is both practical and transformational. Through her ministry, she has helped countless believers develop a stronger relationship with God and a deeper understanding of His Word.

As the daughter of Tony Evans, Priscilla Shirer was raised in a Christ-centred environment that shaped her passion for teaching the Scriptures. She serves through Going Beyond Ministries, where she equips believers—particularly women—to study the Word of God with depth and confidence. Her teachings often focus on spiritual growth, identity in Christ, and living a victorious Christian life through faith and obedience.

In addition to her teaching ministry, she is a bestselling author and has been featured in faith-based films such as War Room, where her role further amplified her message on the power of prayer. Across conferences, books, and digital platforms, Priscilla Shirer continues to be a strong voice calling believers to intimacy with God, steadfast faith, and unwavering commitment to truth.



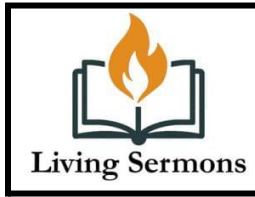
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