

Deuteronomy 1:29-31

Then I said to you, 'Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.'

One of my favorite Old Testament books is the book of Deuteronomy, because it tells of Israel's journey through the wilderness for forty years. And here in the first chapter, Moses is telling them of God's protection for them in today's verses.

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When we read that, it should tell us all that when God goes before us, He will fight for us and bless us. ***"The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you"*** And we want that, we want the Lord to go before us and guide us in those ministry things.

But what about everyday things? Do we just want the Lord to go before us in the battles only, but the rest of the times are we saying, *"I got this Lord, I'll call on you next time the battle starts."* No, it should not be that way, because the Lord wants to be a part of every aspect of your life, not just the battles. He is not just the army that protects you in the battle, but;

He is the Father Who provides for you
He is the Healer when the ones you love are sick
He is the comfort when your heart is broken
He is eternal life full of joy
He is Love, always loving you no matter what.

But when we go before God, even in everyday things, He will not bless or fight for us, if we are not in His will.

† ***Deuteronomy 1:41-45 'Then you answered and said to me, 'We have sinned against the LORD; we will go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.' And when everyone of you had girded on his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the mountain. And the LORD said to me, 'Tell them, "Do not go up nor fight, for I am not among you; lest you be defeated before your enemies." ' So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of the LORD, and presumptuously***

went up into the mountain. And the Amorites who dwelt in that mountain came out against you and chased you as bees do, and drove you back from Seir to Hormah. Then you returned and wept before the LORD, but the LORD would not listen to your voice nor give ear to you.

So yes, acknowledge God in those times of battle, and let Him go before you and guide you, even if it sounds strange (Think Israel walking around the walls of Jericho). And don't run ahead of God once the battle starts, or even when it's over. Stand there with God after the battle and ask Him, "God you defeated my enemies, now how else can I follow You?"

Then in your everyday life, include Him in all things, simply by talking with Him throughout the day, singing songs to Him of praise and worship, or simply saying thank You many times throughout the day, and not just for you food.

Simply, make God your everything, and the only One you will follow.

† **Psalm 56:12-13 (MSG)** *God, you did everything you promised, and I'm thanking you with all my heart. You pulled me from the brink of death, my feet from the cliff-edge of doom. Now I stroll at leisure with God in the sunlit fields of life.*