

**Numbers 13:23
-Pt 2**



Dealing with Life's

The Struggle Principle

The Christian Life Requires Us to...

...Walk by Faith Not by Sight (2 Cor 5:7)

Move Beyond Our:

- **Feelings**
- **Limitations**

Prepare for Battle:

- **Major Events (*Expected*)**
- **Everyday Struggles (*Unexpected*)**

The Struggle Principle

When We Choose to Walk by Faith

We Are Met With Resistance

Resistance = Struggle

Without Struggle...

...Faith is Hindered

We Don't Want to Experience Struggle

But Cant Walk by Faith Without It

The Struggle Principle

Whenever God Gives Us a Promise...

He Also...

...Gives Us a Problem

...Problems Produce Struggle

- **Abraham**

- **David**

Faith Causes Us to Grasp the Promise...

...Problems Cause the Promise to Grab Back

The Struggle Principle

**Has God Given You a Promise...
And Your Facing...?**

- **Loss**
- **Hurt**
- **Health Problems**

Remember...

Struggle is a Sign...

#1- There is Still Life in You! - Potential

#2- Satan Does Not Have You Yet – Problem

#3- God Still Has Need of You - Purpose

#4- God is Defending You – Power

#5- Break Thru is On the Way –Promise

- **Psalms 34:19 (KJV)**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

God Left Giants in Promised Land On Purpose..to Produce Struggle

God Knows a Lack of Struggle Produces:

- **Spiritual Weakness**
- **Loss of Spiritual Edge**
- **Thanklessness**
- **Spiritual Laziness**

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#1- Because They Needed to Learn How to Fight

☐ We are at War!

Eph 6:10-12, ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, / in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

☐ This War is...

- **Daily** -Attacks can come at any hour
- **Powerful** -all your strength not enough
- **All Inclusive** -No One is Excluded

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#1- Because They Needed to Learn How to Fight

Psalms 18:34 (KJV)

*³⁴ He teacheth my hands to war, so that
a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.*

- **Speaks of the Ordinary Doing the Extra-Ordinary**

Dependant on God for...

- **Guidance** *-teaches*
- **Strategy** *-to war*
- **Purpose** *-bow of steel broken*
- **Strength** *-broken by mine arms*

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#2- Because Giants Distinguish the DifferenceBetween Professors and Possessors

- *It's one thing to confess the promises of God, it's another thing to strap on your sword /go toe to toe with your giants and possess your promises.*

#3- Giants Expose the Grasshoppers in the Crowd (When giants show up grasshoppers speak up).

- **Grasshoppers usu Blend into Their
EnvironmentsBut Giants Uncover Them**

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Remember :

Grasshoppers Don't Eat Grapes...

...You Will Never Have Promise Land Faith

...with a Grasshopper Mentality

The Struggle

#4- You Get to Know Yourself in the Struggle
(the real you comes out under pressure)

#5- You Get to Know Your God...

...You Realize that God is Your Only Help

...You Realize that He is More Than Enough!