

# Fighting Through to Victory

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## Introduction

Several years ago, a NFL team made up almost entirely of rookies and second year players, fought through an entire season, through the playoffs, and made it to the Super Bowl. But in the Super Bowl, they lost by an overwhelming margin. When asked why he thought his team had lost, the coach said, "At the beginning of the season, we set as our goal to make it to the Super Bowl. It never occurred to us to make winning the Super Bowl our goal. So when we made it to the Super Bowl, we had achieved our goal."

## I. Make eternal life your goal

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**1 Corinthians 9:24 (NKJV)** Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it..

### A. The challenge of faithfulness

**Matthew 25:21 (NKJV)** "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

### B. The challenge of perseverance

**Matthew 24:13 (NKJV)** "But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

### C. The challenge of obedience

**Matthew 7:21 (NKJV)** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

## II. Fight the battle in its entirety

**Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

**2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NKJV)** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and **not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.**

A. Stay at your post

B. Obey His orders

C. Use the weapons He gave you

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NKJV)** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

## III. Let weariness motivate rather than stop you

**2 Samuel 23:9-10 (NKJV)** And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel had retreated. 10 **He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword.** The LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder.

A. Receive that rush of spiritual adrenaline

B. Hang on to your weapons

1. The shepherds staff of Moses

2. The shepherds sling of David

2. The jaw bone of an ass of Samson

3. The torch and pottery jar of Gideon

C. Fight to the end in His strength

**2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)** And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, **for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, **that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

A word from the Lord

My children,

Do not be overwhelmed by the ferocity of the battle you fight. For I, the Lord, am with you. I will sustain you and keep you and preserve you. Do not grow weary or afraid. Stay in the battle. Do not turn to the right or the left but stay in the battle. Though Satan rages, he shall not overcome you for I have given you the victory, and you shall have an abundant entrance into everlasting life.