

AFTER THE BATTLE...DON'T LOSE THE VICTORY!

(2 Chron. 25: 2-16 NLT)

Beloved, welcome into the presence of the Lord. Today we gather as people whom God has brought through battles, storms, and seasons of intense spiritual warfare. Many of you have prayed through difficult nights, stood firm under pressure, and witnessed the faithfulness of God bring you through what should have broken you. The Lord has brought you out, brought you through, and brought you into victory. But today, the Holy Spirit is sounding a prophetic alarm: the battle may be over, but the responsibility to guard the victory has just begun.

Through the life of Amaziah, God reminds us that breakthrough is not the finish line—it is the beginning of a new level of spiritual responsibility. The enemy knows that if he could not defeat you in the battle, he will attempt to distract you after the victory through compromise, pride, and spiritual carelessness. This is a prophetic word for this House in this **Year of Progression**: you did not come this far to lose what God has won for you. The Lord is calling us higher in discipline, discernment, and devotion. The question Heaven is asking today is this: Will you simply celebrate your victory, or will you steward it.

I Cor. 9:26-27 (MSG): I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No lazy living for me! I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.

I. FIGHTING THROUGH THE BATTLE (2 Chron. 25: 5–10)

II Chron. 25:5-10 (NLT): Then Amaziah organized the army, assigning generals and captains for all Judah and Benjamin. He took a census and found that he had an army of 300,000 select troops, twenty years old and older, all trained in the use of spear and shield. He also paid about 7,500 pounds of silver (2 million dollars) to hire 100,000 experienced fighting men from Israel. But a man of God came to him and said, "Your Majesty, do not hire troops from Israel, for the LORD is not with Israel. He will not help those people of Ephraim! If you let them go with your troops into battle, you will be defeated by the enemy no matter how well you fight. God will overthrow you, for he has the power to help you or to trip you up." Amaziah asked the man of God, "But what about all that silver I paid to hire the army of Israel?" The man of God replied, "The LORD is able to give you much more than this!" So Amaziah discharged the hired troops and sent them back to Ephraim. This made them very angry with Judah, and they returned home in a great rage.

II Chron. 25:2 (NLT): Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he became king and reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother was Jehoaddin from Jerusalem. He lived well before GOD, doing the right thing for the most part. **But he wasn't wholeheartedly devoted to God.**

II. THE TRANSITION FROM BATTLE TO VICTORY (vv. 11–13)

V. 11-13 (NLT): Then Amaziah summoned his courage and led his army to the Valley of Salt, where they killed 10,000 Edomite troops from Seir. ¹²They captured another 10,000 and took

them to the top of a cliff and threw them off, dashing them to pieces on the rocks below.

¹³ Meanwhile, the hired troops that Amaziah had sent home raided several of the towns of Judah between Samaria and Beth-horon. They killed 3,000 people and carried off great quantities of plunder.

III. THE FIGHT AFTER THE VICTORY (vv. 14–16)

V. 14-15 (NLT): When King Amaziah returned from slaughtering the Edomites, he brought with him idols taken from the people of Seir. He set them up as his own gods, bowed down in front of them, and offered sacrifices to them! ¹⁵ This made the LORD very angry, and he sent a prophet to ask, “Why do you turn to gods who could not even save their own people from you?”

V. 16 (NLT): But the king interrupted him and said, “Since when have I made you the king’s counselor? Be quiet now before I have you killed!” So, the prophet stopped with this warning: “I know that God has determined to destroy you because you have done this and have refused to accept my counsel.”

Gal. 2:20 (NLT): *My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So, I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

- (TPT): My old identity has been co-crucified with Christ and no longer lives. And now the essence of this new life is no longer mine, for the Anointed One lives his life through me—we live in union as one! My new life is empowered by the faith of the Son of God who loves me so much that he gave himself for me, dispensing his life into mine!

How to Keep Victory

Stay:

- ✓ Humble
- ✓ Prayerful
- ✓ Teachable
- ✓ Spiritually alert
- ✓ Fully surrendered

Prophetic Challenge: Don’t just celebrate what God brought you through. Protect what God brought you into.

Ask Yourself This Week

- Am I guarding my victory?
- Have I allowed compromise back in?
- Am I still depending fully on God?
- Is my heart completely surrendered?

Final Charge

Breakthrough is not enough. You must steward it. **Deliverance is not enough.** You must protect it.

Victory is not enough. You must keep it. **After the battle...don’t lose the victory!**