



A Majority with the Lord—Few is much with God in it

Some people measure the potential of their success solely based on numbers. Although they have a point, that is not the only way God can work victory in our lives. There are plenty of situations where God wrought victories for people with fewer numbers than their enemies. They were outnumbered but that could not stop our God. Solely looking at numbers is detrimental to experiencing the victory God can work in our lives. To God, we are a majority because He is with us. Even if we have little, if God is in it, it becomes much.

In this teaching, we will clearly see that God is not hindered by multitudes. He can deliver with a few, very little, or even none, and that we are on the side of the majority. Whoever has God on their side is a majority even though they may look physically outnumbered.

- A. 1 Samuel 14:6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.
 - a) Here Jonathan asked his armorbearer to go with him to the garrison (station or Post) of the Philistines, just the two of them and he believed that the Lord would work for them even if they were fewer than the Philistines. He understood that God cannot be hindered by small or large numbers. He could deliver with few or many.
- B. 2 Kings 6:8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? 12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. 13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told

him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

- a) King of Syria thought he had a spy in his camp who was revealing their battle plans to the king of Israel. Every time they went out to attack Israel, they found Israel waiting for them. It was revealed to the king of Syria that Elisha the man of God in Israel was the one who was revealing his secrets and plans to the king of Israel. The Syrian king sent his men to go arrest Elisha.
- b) Here is a powerful truth that we should not miss. The servant of Elisha was in the flesh. He was seeing things in the physical not in the unseen realm. If he were seeing with his spiritual eyes, he would not have panicked.
 - i) God is with us and if we know and keep this in focus, we will not be falling apart even if everyone else is.
- c) This army was outnumbered by a more powerful army that was also unseen.

C. Five loaves and two fishes

Matthew 14:17-21 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. 18 He said, Bring them hither to me. 19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and broke, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. 21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

- a) What is five loaves and two fishes versus 5,000 men besides women and children unless God is in it. What was little or not enough became much because of Jesus. What was little became the majority only because of Jesus. When the Lord is on our side, we not only make a majority, we also increase above all.
- b) You might be in a situation where you do not have enough. If you can give that over to the Lord, it will turn into more than enough.

D. Ethiopia's Army, Greater than One Million (1,000,300 Ethiopians), attacks Judah (580,000) –2 Chronicles 14.

- a) Israel was outnumbered physically by 420,300 (42%) yet victory was on their side because the Lord was with them which made them a majority. To some people, they would have given up seeing the multitude of the Ethiopian army, but not Israel. Outnumbered Israel destroys its attackers.

E. Gideon's 300 Rise Up against 120,000 Midianites—Judges 7–8:21 (Judges 7:16, 20; 8:10)

Judges 7:16 *And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. Judges 7:20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and broke the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. Judges 8:10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell a hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.*

- a) Gideon's 300 men with lamps, trumpets, and pitchers defeated 120, 000 men with swords.

F. Samson defeats his enemies and those of Israel.

Judges 14:5-6 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

- a) The spirit of the Lord came upon Samson and he rent (tore) a lion into pieces with his bare hands.

Judges 14:19 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

- a) Samson slew 30 men in Ashkelon. Samson was one versus 30 men. He was a majority because the Lord was with him.

Judges 15:15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

a) Samson with a jawbone of an ass, Samson slew one thousand men.

G. Israel's King Jeroboam Ambushes Judah and gets destroyed – 2 Chronicles 13; 400,000 (Judah) Vs 800,000 (Israel). Victory was for Judah.

a) 2 Chronicles 13:3 And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour.

i) 400,000 King Abijah's men from Judah versus 800,000 men of King Jeroboam from Israel.

b) 2 Chronicles 13:12 And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

i) God is with us and is our captain no matter what we are facing or going through. No one fights against the Lord and prospers.

c) 2 Chronicles 13:13 But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them. 14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. 15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

i) God smote the enemies of Judah although they were more.

d) 2 Chronicles 13:17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

i) 500,000 of the 800,000 King Jeroboam's men of Israel were killed.

e) 2 Chronicles 13:18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

- i) The reason the children of Judah prevailed is the reason all of us prevail. They prevailed because they relied (trusted and leaned) upon the Lord for support, help, and deliverance. This means if they relied on their own abilities and strength, they could not have prevailed. This also brings up a crucial truth.
 - ii) One of the reasons we do not prevail is that we have not been depending on and leaning on the Lord. We prevail based on whom we are leaning on. Who we trust determines our victory.
 - iii) 1 Samuel 2:9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.
 - 1 Chronicles 5:20
 - Psalm 22:4-5
 - Nahum 1:7
- f) 2 Chronicles 13:20 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died.
- i) Your enemy(ies) shall not arise the second time. They have been utterly destroyed by the Lord and He has struck them dead. These enemies can be more than people. Satan, sickness, lack, loss, failure, destruction, disease are all our enemies.
 - Nahum 1:9 What do ye imagine against the LORD? He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.
- g) 2 Chronicles 13:21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.
- i) Deuteronomy 17:14-17 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; 15 Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. 16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no

more that way. 17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

H. The Assyrian Invasion by King Sennacherib – 2 Kings 18–19 (2 Chronicles 32:20–21) but were defeated by the angel of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 32:1 After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself. 2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, 3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him. 4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? 5 Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance. 6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spoke comfortably to them, saying, 7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: 8 With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. 19 And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, which were the work of the hands of man. 20 And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. 21 And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword. 22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.

a) 2 Chronicles 32:3—Looks like Hezekiah took Counsel of the princes and mighty men rather than the LORD; however, the following verses seem to indicate that he did.

i) We need to take counsel from the LORD. David took counsel from the LORD.

- 1 Samuel 23:1-4; 1 Samuel 30:7-8.
- 2 Samuel 2:1-2; 5:17–24.

- b) 2 Chronicles 32:7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him:
 - i) No matter what we are going through, we need to remember this truth. There be more with us than with our enemy(ies) if we are relying on the LORD—not our understanding or physical numbers.
 - ii) If we do not want to be outnumbered, we need to look to and trust the Lord.
- c) With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles."—2 Chronicles 32:8
 - i) King Sennacherib was trusting in the natural realm, in himself, and his armies.
 - ii) Notice God was with Hezekiah and his people to help them and to fight their battles. We need to look to the Lord to fight our battles.
- d) In 2 Chronicles 32:9-19, King of Assyria Sennacherib sent his men to deliver "trash talk" and to strike fear in the hearts of the men and people with King Hezekiah so that they would desert him and rebel against him. This was a strategy by the devil.
 - i) King Sennacherib spoke against the people and Hezekiah, but Hezekiah went to the LORD. The LORD Intervened and sent an angel who cut off the army of the Assyrian king. He was ashamed (Jeremiah 20:11) as 185,000 were killed by the angel of the Lord.
 - ii) Hezekiah did not have to fight as he had said that the Lord would fight their battles. There was no loss of lives in the camp of King Hezekiah.
 - iii) The LORD protected Hezekiah and all the children of Israel in Jerusalem. He was their guide on every side.
- I. 2 Chronicles 20 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. ² Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi. ¹³ And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. ¹⁴ Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation; ¹⁵ And he said, Hearken ye, all

Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

- a) Be not afraid of the great multitude or numbers. The battle is the Lord's and we are a majority if He is on our side.

J. 1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

- a) Who is in us? The Lord is. God lives on the inside of every born-again believer. He is greater than all including Satan. And because He is in us and with us, we become a majority. We can defeat any adversary or enemy because God who is on the inside of us is greater than all things and people. We have more numbers with us by just having ONE!