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Your Better Half

The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: "Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us." So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men. The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you." After an all night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. The Lord threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the Lord hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites. On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon." So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel! **Joshua 10:6-14 NIV**

But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. **1 Corinthians 6:17 NIV**

Moses saw further than he would go.
Joshua went further than he could see.

1. Strength to Endure.

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So don't lose your bold, courageous faith, for you are destined for a great reward! You need the strength of endurance to reveal the poetry of God's will and then you receive the promise in full. For soon and very soon, "The One who is appearing will come without delay!" **Hebrews 10:35-37 TPT**

'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. **Zechariah 4:6b NIV**

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and

weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. **Isaiah 40:28-31 NIV**

But he answered me, "My grace is always more than enough for you, and my power finds its full expression through your weakness." **2 Corinthians 12:9a TPT**

2. Fight and not fight.

Perhaps the only thing harder than fighting your own battles, is not fighting your own battles.

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Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; so David inquired of the Lord, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?" The Lord answered him, "Go, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hands." **2 Samuel 5:18-19 NIV**

Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; so David inquired of the Lord, and he answered, "Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the poplar trees. As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move quickly, because that will mean the Lord has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army." **2 Samuel 5:22-24 NIV**

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40:31 NJKV**

Fighting alongside God requires the wisdom to know when I swing my sword, and when I wait on God to swing His.

3. Pray big prayers to a big God and expect big results.

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human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel! Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal. **Joshua 10:12-15 NIV**

a. Prayer doesn't have to be perfect.

b. God answers prayer, even when we give Him every reason not to.

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? - Corrie ten Boom

As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength. **Psalm 138:3 NLT**

"Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you." **Ephesians 6:10 TPT**