

Who Is My King? – Live A Successful Life!

Judges 5:1-31

Oftentimes, how we live with life's challenges determines whether we lead a successful life or not.

In Judges 5, the Jewish people celebrated special occasions by expressing themselves in song. It's easy to remember and not easy to forget what God had done. Let's take a closer look at this song and gather the ingredients of how to Live A Successful Life!

When we face life's challenges:

1. Two ways to view challenge (v.1-8)
 - Worldly standpoint (v.6; 3:31)
 - Heavenly standpoint (v.4, 5)

When we face challenges, we can easily put our focus on the challenge, rather than focusing on the God beyond the challenge.

The key is when we face challenge, we focus on our God in heaven, who is also the most powerful God and the God of the Universe.

Christians believe God is in control of every step we take, so in the midst of challenge we can still give praise to God. If we put our focus on the problem, we only magnify the problem and minimize God.

In addition to the two ways to view our challenges:

2. Two attitudes to face our challenge (v.9-23)
 - Not a care in the world/bystander (v.15, 16)
 - Give it our all/fully involve (v.18)

God wants us to work with him to accomplish his earthly plans.

Remember the Lord's Prayer – Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

The reason why Jesus taught us to pray his will be done on earth is because God wants us on earth to work with him to achieve his will. God doesn't need our help, but he wants us to work with him.

God also sees his people as he himself.

For example, when Saul persecuted God's church/people, God said Saul persecuted God himself.

Another example, when the Israelites faced challenge, God asked why no one comes to help him. The meaning is when no one came to help his people.

In God's eyes, the struggles and wars that the Israelites faced are his struggles and his wars. The two ways to view our challenges and the two attitudes to face our challenges determines two outcomes:

3. Two women's story ending (v. 24-31)
 - Praising Jael/with God's blessings (v. 24-27)
 - The wishful thinking of Sisera's mother/wishful thinking (v. 28-30)
 - Jael's love towards God (v. 31)

Conclusion

In order to lead a successful life, how we face life's challenges is crucial based on the followings:

There are two standpoints:

1. we use our own ways which may lead to anxiety, sleeplessness etc. Or
2. we can see it from God's eyes, hear God said that the challenge we face belong to him and he will fight for us.

There are two attitudes:

1. we can be a bystander, not face it seriously or
2. we can face it with courage and bravery, acknowledge that this is God's battle and believe that God is in control. We can face life's challenge with confidences