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This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. **For the battle is not yours, but God's.**' 2 Chronicles 20:15b



## SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF CHAPLAINCY CHAPLAIN MSG "THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD"

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### Romans 8:28

*"And we know that in all things  
God works for the good of those  
who love Him, who have been  
called according to His purpose."*

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Greetings from your entire Sheriff Chaplaincy Team,

As we explore this topic, let's all be thinking about the different types of battles, wars, and conflicts that we see taking place around us (and even in our own life).

My friends, war comes in all shapes and sizes, and all battles require a few things from us.

- Dedication/Training/Leadership/Commitment

I ask each of us to think about why each of these areas would be important in any conflict.

One suggestion might be that when we find ourselves in a battle and need to overcome (or reach any level of victory or success) all four of these proactive measures will prepare us to stand firm.

President George W. Bush said it this way. "Our war on terror begins with Al-Qaeda, but does not end there. It will not end until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, stopped and defeated."

This portrays a strong dedication and commitment that can inspire us in every battle that you and I may find ourselves in. **Let's never forget that we also embody these admirable qualities as we steadfastly serve in our mission here in Spokane County each and every day!**

We see in our selected verse today how we can maintain our needed strength and resiliency, day in and day out. Psalm 144:1 tells us this; "Praise be to The Lord my rock, Who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle."

Who trains us? God Himself. What for? All types of war and battle. Friends, remember that it is God Who ultimately trains us and equips us, in every way, for all types of battle and every challenge and/or conflict that we will ever face.

So, what does that mean to us? Primarily; that we must stay teachable and focused!

Follow on thought for the day; "One at a time!"

This thought has the idea of "focus" embedded in it. How do you and I keep our focus??

Sir Winston Churchill said this "It is a mistake to look too far ahead. Only one link in the chain of destiny can be handled at a time."

My friends, we must keep our primary focus on the priorities before us at the moment.

And then we can make the follow on priority take its place next on the list.

The verse that ties into this is from Matthew 6:33, and tells us; "But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be given to you as well."

I tell you this, that if we faithfully seek God and His wisdom in all that we do, we can be successful in every area, one step at a time. Amen.

*Blessings from Above, Chaplain Robert Kinnune*