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## FIGHT BACK

Scripture: 1 Kings 20:9 - So he replied to Ben-Hadad's messengers, "Tell my lord the king, 'Your servant will do all you demanded the first time, but this demand I cannot meet.'"

Observation: The king of Israel refused to surrender to Ben-Hadad.

Application/Analysis: Have you ever just had enough from a person or a problem because they just won't stop attacking you? I mean, the issue was bigger or stronger in the first place so you were submitting to some point already in hopes things would not worsen. Yet, they kept coming looking for more, trying to devour you and your resources and now, my friend, it's time to say ENOUGH!! We can be saying enough to a bad relationship or to a bills that we cannot pay on time. Perhaps, we can be saying enough to an addiction or depression that keeps us under a cloud. Who knows but I do know that Jesus himself said in John 14:27, "my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." and upon that advice from our Lord and savior, I declare it is time to fight back but this time we do it God's way. In this current state, no matter the status of our challenges, we declare victory in the name of Jesus because no weapon formed against us can prosper (Rom 8:37) and if God is for us, who can be against us (Rom 8:31). Next, we tell God the exact truth about where we are with the situation and then ask Him to take it from you (1 Pet 5:7-10). At the same time, we work the problem with what we have meaning, we might need some Christian counseling, financial management, relocation away from the trauma or whatever the Lord reveals will help all the while praying always (1 Thess 5:17), and studying the word. I suggest not doing this alone as the enemy will still be chasing but God is always in the midst when his people come together (Matt 18:20). So starting right now, stand tall, put your head up, most of all believe in this process as our faith unlocks the door to God's grace. Trust me, the situation is already better.

Prayer: Lord God, Thank you for the victory. Help us to go into the victory you have already promised and take it. May our faith guide us to your grace. In Jesus name - AMEN!

Takeaway: Fight my brother or sister, FIGHT... but use the weapons the Lord provides and claim the victory. Remember, the world did not give you joy and peace and it cannot take it away.