

WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

The Lord is on your side. Are you on His?

KEY POINTS

- ❖ The imagery of creation is very personal and demonstrates the great deal of love and care that God has for us as people.
- ❖ The descriptive words used in the Bible in regard to creation clearly indicate that the Lord is on our side. We see phrases like:
 - God created man in His own image (Gen. 1:27)
 - The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7)
 - God breathed into him the breath of life (Gen. 2:7)
- ❖ The world that God created Adam in was perfect; but the Lord saw that Adam was alone as a human and that "it was not good," so God created a wife for Adam (Gen. 2:18).
- ❖ The Lord took care of Adam's needs. God is aware of *our* needs and will provide for us.
- ❖ God gave Adam one commandment: Do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17).
- ❖ But Adam chose *not* to be on the Lord's side by disobeying the Lord's command.
- ❖ We see a similar trend with the children of Israel through their experience in Egypt.
- ❖ The children of Israel were in bondage, afflicted, and oppressed. They cried out to the Lord for help.
- ❖ The Lord sent them help and delivered them with a mighty hand (Deuteronomy 26:7-8). And the Lord will hear *us* when we cry out to Him for help.
- ❖ Not long after the children of Israel were freed from Egyptian slavery, they found themselves in the wilderness, perpetually complaining and sinning against God.
- ❖ The children of Israel chose *not* to be on the Lord's side by not believing the word of God.
- ❖ God has brought some of us through near-death experiences, financial disasters, sickness, disease and broken relationships.
- ❖ But God is not just interested in doing miracles in our lives; He wants us to be on His side.
- ❖ If I'm not choosing to be on the Lord's side, then God's deliverances will not have a lasting impact on my life. This is clear from the experience of the children of Israel.
- ❖ God demonstrated that He was on our side by becoming a man and dying on the cross for us while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8).

KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 124:1-6

- ❖ Will you choose to be on the Lord's side by accepting Him as your personal Lord and Saviour?
- ❖ Consider the experience of David before he became the King of Israel.
- ❖ David showed he was choosing to be on the Lord's side by spending time in worship to God.
- ❖ And God delivered David when a bear and a lion came to attack the sheep he was shepherding (1 Samuel 17:34-35).
- ❖ When we choose to be on God's side, He will show up in our lives in special ways.
- ❖ Choosing to be on God's side doesn't mean that we're perfect. (We know that David sinned against God.) Choosing to be on God's side means that when we *do* sin, we will repent.
- ❖ You know you're choosing to be on God's side when you become concerned about what God is concerned about.
- ❖ So, will you join with this declaration?
"I choose to have faith in God. I choose to obey the word of God. I choose to be Holy, and I choose to show Christian love. I choose to be on the Lord's side."

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Read the following scriptures together: Psalms 23:4, 27:1, 34:7 and 118:6. How do they assure God's people that He is on their side?
2. What are some of the experiences that you have had that demonstrate that the Lord is on your side?
3. Can you think of other examples of people in the Bible that chose to be/not to be on the Lord's side? Discuss why they may have made the choices they did.
4. What are some things you can do daily to demonstrate that you are on the Lord's side?

PRAYER TIME

Lord, thank You for always being on my side. Help me daily to choose to be on Your side. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start-up: When you are choosing teammates, what usually are your criteria (biggest/smarest/strongest, etc. or loneliest/least likely to be chosen, etc.)?

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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