

# THE STORY

## FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

### The Battle Begins

#### Chapter 7

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#### I. Necessary **Lifestyle** for Victory

- A. Be people of the **Book**—the **Word** of God.

*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. – Joshua 1:8*

- B. Be people of **prayer**.

- C. Be people who **identify** with God.

#### II. Experiencing Victory in the **Battle**

- A. God performs **miracles**.

- B. Israel is **victorious** against all odds.

*So Joshua took the entire land, just as the Lord had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from war. – Joshua 11:23*

#### III. Why God Calls Us to **Battle**

- A. To protect His people from **wickedness**.

*Otherwise, they will teach you to follow all the detestable things they do in worshipping their gods, and you will sin against the Lord your God. – Deuteronomy 20:18*

- B. Because God wants to make Himself **known**.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. – Acts 1:8*

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