

# Battle Ready

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5



*In 2014, ten-year-old Willie Myrick was playing in his driveway when a stranger grabbed him and threw him into the back of a car. The kidnapper drove away and told Willie he didn't want to hear a word from him. But Willie had a Word, alright. He sang gospel music for three straight hours until the kidnapper finally let him go.*

*"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have the divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." - 2 Corinthians 10:3-5*

In 2 Corinthians 10, Paul puts up a defense against his critics (false prophets) and presents the authority by which his teaching is based - the true knowledge of God. Paul knows it's war that he is facing. And, he points to Christ as the model by which he presents himself.

Within the above verses are instructions for how we, as Christians, fight. This is exactly what little Willie Myrick did. He brought Jesus into a battle, quite possibly, for his life. And by divine power he broke free from a force more powerful than his physical body. He raised his voice in praise to God in a way that disarmed his enemy. Willie did not give up. Not after one hour. Not after two hours. Not even after two and a half hours. And, Willie was set free.

If only we would all fight like Willie (and Paul)! We have to be ready. We have to be armed with weapons that have the divine power to demolish strongholds. The weapons we use are not the weapons of this world. Willie was ready with a song of praise in his time of trouble.

Now, why in the world would anyone praise God during a kidnapping? In the world, no one would, unless they aren't of it. We know how to praise God in advance of His blessings. We can fight against those who have no knowledge of God by simply invoking the power bestowed upon us as His children, to overcome. Willie proved "simple" praise and worship to be powerful tools against the enemy.

These verses also instruct us to take every thought captive. Willie had to be terrified. But, Willie knew God. He had the presence of mind to focus on the One he knew could rescue him. The kidnapper told

him to be quiet, threatened him, and even cursed him, repeatedly, but Willie kept on singing. He disobeyed the kidnapper in obedience to the Holy Spirit within him.

Willie's triumph made national news. It was a far-reaching broadcast of the power and work of a strong faith in Jesus. We can't all reach the nation with our individual testimonies, but we are part of an army. The way we choose to move in this world has a lasting impact on those around us. Be encouraged, we have access to weapons that demolish strongholds!

**Reflect:**

- In what areas of your life are you least likely to call on Jesus when in trouble?
- Do you take time to arm yourself for battle even in times of peace/calm?

**Dig a little deeper:**

- Be armed with praise. [Here](#) is the song Willie sang for three hours.
- [Here](#) is one of my favorite songs about our battle.
- Join the Women of Fellowship as we read through the New Testament in 2024 with The Bible Recap reading plan. Register [HERE](#).
- Be armed with scripture. 2 Chronicles 20:15, Isaiah 54:17, John 16:33
- Lord, help us to remember who we are fighting. Help us to remember what we are fighting. And help us to call on your Word, your promises, and your power in every battle we face by keeping you near to us every hour of every day. We praise you in advance. Amen.

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Hear Willie's story in his own words [HERE](#).