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Introduction: God Never Planned for You to Live Half-Victorious

There is a painful reality many believers face but rarely talk about openly: **we love God, yet we still live below the victory He already purchased for us.**

We pray.

We believe.

We start strong.

But somewhere between the promise and the breakthrough... **we stop.**

We stop praying like we used to.

We stop fighting like we did at the beginning.

We stop believing with the same intensity.

And slowly, without even realizing it, **we settle for partial victory when God intended total victory.**

The Bible tells the story of a king who made this exact mistake. His name was **Joash**, and his story in *2 Kings 13:14-19* reveals one of the most powerful spiritual lessons in Scripture.

His problem was not rebellion.

His problem was **stopping too soon.**

Many believers today are doing the same thing. They pray for a while, fight for a while, resist temptation for a while... but then discouragement, doubt, fatigue, or disappointment causes them to quit before the breakthrough comes.

But hear this clearly:

God did not design your life to be a cycle of almost winning.

Jesus did not die so you could barely survive spiritually.

He died so you could **walk in victory**.

Jesus said in **John 10:10 (NKJV)**:

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

This guide is for believers who are **tired of losing battles they should be winning**.

If you are desperate for freedom...

If you are tired of falling back into the same struggles...

If you know God has more for your life...

Then this message is for you.

Today we are going to learn from **Joash's mistake** so we never repeat it.

Section 1

Joash's Mistake: When God Offers Victory but We Limit It

The story unfolds as the prophet Elisha is nearing death. King Joash comes to him in desperation because Israel is under attack from Syria.

He is afraid.

He is uncertain.

He needs God's help.

So he runs to the man of God.

The Scripture says:

2 Kings 13:14 (NKJV)

“When Elisha had become sick with the illness of which he would die, Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, ‘O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!’”

This moment is important.

Joash recognized something many believers forget:

Victory comes from God.

So Elisha gives him a prophetic instruction.

First, he tells him to shoot an arrow toward the east, toward the enemy territory.

Then Elisha declares:

2 Kings 13:17 (NKJV)

“The arrow of the Lord’s deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them.”

God was promising **complete victory**.

But then came the test.

Elisha told him to take the remaining arrows and strike the ground.

Joash struck the ground **three times**.

Then he stopped.

That moment changed the future of a nation.

Section 2

The Prophet's Anger: Why Stopping Early Offends God

The Bible says Elisha became angry.

2 Kings 13:19 (NKJV)

“And the man of God was angry with him, and said, ‘You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it! But now you will strike Syria only three times.’”

This reaction may seem surprising.

Why would the prophet become angry over something so small?

Because **Joash limited what God wanted to do.**

God was ready to give total victory.

Joash settled for partial victory.

And that is exactly what many believers are doing today.

Not because they hate God.

Not because they reject Christ.

But because they **stop believing too soon.**

They stop praying too soon.

They stop resisting temptation too soon.

They stop trusting God too soon.

God offers **complete deliverance.**

But many believers accept **temporary relief.**

Section 3

The Arrows Represent the Weapons God Gave You

The arrows in Joash's hands symbolize the spiritual weapons God places in every believer's life.

God has not left you defenseless.

The Bible says in **2 Corinthians 10:4 (NKJV)**:

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.”

God has already equipped you.

Some of those weapons include:

Spiritual arrows God placed in your hands

- **The Word of God**
- **Prayer**
- **Faith**
- **The authority of Jesus' name**
- **The Holy Spirit's power**
- **Repentance and humility**
- **Fasting**
- **Perseverance**

Every one of these is an arrow.

But many believers only fire a few before giving up.

They pray for a week... then stop.

They fast once... then quit.

They resist temptation for a season... then surrender.

But victory belongs to those who **keep shooting**.

Section 4

Why Believers Stop Short of Victory

Joash likely had reasons for stopping.

Many believers do too.

1. Discouragement

When nothing seems to change quickly, people assume nothing is happening.

But God is often working **behind the scenes**.

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV):

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

2. Doubt

The enemy whispers lies like:

- “This will never change.”
- “You will always struggle.”
- “God isn’t helping you.”

But those are lies.

3. Spiritual fatigue

Fighting spiritual battles can be exhausting.

But the Bible says:

Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength...”

God refreshes those who keep trusting Him.

Section 5

The Power of Relentless Faith

Imagine if Joash had struck the ground **ten times**.

Or **twenty times**.

The prophet would have rejoiced.

Because every strike represented **expectation of victory**.

Faith is not passive.

Faith is persistent.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him...”

Faith keeps striking the ground even when nothing changes yet.

Faith keeps praying even when answers delay.

Faith keeps believing **until the breakthrough appears**.

Section 6

God Is Looking for Believers Who Refuse to Quit

The greatest victories in Scripture came through **persistent faith**.

Think about:

- The woman with the issue of blood
- Blind Bartimaeus crying out to Jesus
- The persistent widow in Jesus' parable

They refused to stop.

Jesus said in **Luke 18:1 (NKJV)**:

“Men always ought to pray and not lose heart.”

He knew discouragement would tempt believers to quit.

But those who refuse to quit **experience miracles**.

Section 7

Partial Obedience Produces Partial Victory

Joash obeyed—but only partially.

He struck the ground.

But he stopped too soon.

Many believers live this same pattern:

- They obey God **sometimes**
- They pray **occasionally**
- They resist temptation **for a while**

But God is calling for **consistent obedience**.

James 1:12 (NKJV)

“Blessed is the man who endures temptation...”

Notice the word **endures**.

Victory belongs to those who **stay in the fight**.

Section 8

God's Victory Is Greater Than Your Weakness

One reason believers quit is because they feel inadequate.

They know their weaknesses.

But victory does not depend on **your strength**.

It depends on **Christ's power**.

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

You may feel weak.

You may feel tired.

But the Holy Spirit inside you is **stronger than every enemy**.

Section 9

Refuse to Stop Striking the Ground

The message of Joash's story is simple but powerful:

Never stop believing God.

Never stop praying.

Never stop resisting sin.

Never stop pursuing the life Christ purchased for you.

1 John 4:4 (NKJV)

“He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

The enemy wants you to stop.

But God is saying:

“Strike the ground again.”

Pray again.

Believe again.

Fight again.

Victory is closer than you think.

Section 10

Summary: God Wants Total Victory for Your Life

Joash teaches us one of the most important lessons in spiritual warfare:

Stopping too soon can limit what God wants to do.

God had planned total victory.

But the king settled for partial victory.

The good news is that your story **does not have to end that way.**

Through Jesus Christ:

- Sin can be broken
- Addictions can be destroyed

- Fear can be defeated
- Strongholds can fall

Romans 8:37 (NKJV)

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

You were not created to live defeated.

You were created to **walk in victory**.

So keep striking the ground.

Powerful Prayer for Total Victory

Father, in the mighty name of Jesus, I come before You today with humility, hunger, and expectation.

Lord, I thank You that through the blood of Jesus Christ I am forgiven, redeemed, and accepted in Your sight. Your Word declares in Colossians 2:14 that You wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, and You nailed it to the cross. Because of the cross, I am no longer condemned. Because of the cross, I am no longer bound.

Father, today I repent for every moment I stopped believing You. I repent for every time I quit too early, every time I let discouragement silence my faith, and every time I believed the lies of the enemy instead of the truth of Your Word. Forgive me, Lord, for settling for partial victory when You have promised complete victory through Jesus Christ.

Your Word declares in John 8:36, “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” So today I declare that freedom belongs to me through Jesus. I break agreement with every lie of fear, every lie of doubt, every lie of hopelessness, and every lie that says my situation cannot change.

In the name of Jesus, I declare that the arrows of faith are in my hands. I will not stop striking the ground. I will not stop praying. I will not stop believing. I will not stop standing on Your Word until every enemy in my life is defeated.

Father, strengthen my inner man by the power of the Holy Spirit. When my mind grows tired, renew my strength. When my heart feels discouraged, remind me that Your promises never fail.

Your Word says in Isaiah 40:31, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Lord, I receive that strength right now in the name of Jesus.

I declare that I will walk by faith and not by sight. I declare that the greater One lives inside of me. According to 1 John 4:4, "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

So every stronghold of fear must fall.
Every chain of addiction must break.
Every spirit of discouragement must leave.

In the name of Jesus, I take authority over every lie of the enemy that has tried to convince me to stop fighting. I rebuke every voice of doubt, every whisper of defeat, and every spirit that tries to weaken my faith.

Lord, give me the perseverance to keep striking the ground. Let my life be marked by relentless faith. Let my prayers be bold. Let my heart remain steadfast.

I declare today that I will not live in partial victory. Through Jesus Christ I will walk in the fullness of what You have promised. Your Word says in Romans 8:37 that we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

So I receive that victory now.

Victory over fear.
Victory over sin.

Victory over discouragement.

Victory over every battle the enemy has brought against my life.

Father, finish the work You started in me. Shape my character, strengthen my faith, and lead me into the destiny You prepared before the foundation of the world.

I thank You that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is working in me right now.

And I declare by faith that my greatest victories are still ahead.

In the mighty, victorious, and unstoppable name of Jesus Christ I pray.

Amen.

Final Words of Encouragement

Listen carefully:

You are closer to breakthrough than you think.

The enemy's greatest strategy is convincing believers to quit right before victory appears.

But today you learned the lesson of Joash.

Do not stop striking the ground.

Keep praying.

Keep believing.

Keep standing on God's Word.

And one day you will look back and realize:

The battles that once defeated you... now bow at the name of Jesus.

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🙏 So, in the mighty name of Jesus, I pray right now: Father, surround them with Your protection, stir their hunger, and draw them into deeper freedom, in Jesus' name. Amen.