

# Psalm 44

Author: Sons of Korah

Our battle-weary psalmist has now tasted the sweetness of victory. He lifts his banner high and experiences the thrill of defeating his foe. Yet the pomp and circumstance of victory has already faded as he faces another battle. Feeling let down, he humbly approaches God and begs Him for yet another victory.

I have found myself in this battle-wearied position once or twice in my life when intense circumstances cause my once clear vision of my Commander to become blurred. My post-victory strength and my increased faith suddenly seems weak and faltering, and the only words I can mutter are “please help me.” Let’s explore ways to remain battle strong and faith filled.

## Remembering

There is much power in remembering. Memories generate laughter. Memories produce tears. They provide comfort to a restless heart and bring peace to an anxious mind.

During these battle-weary days, taking the time to walk down memory lane may not *seem* like the best use of time and energy. We are action driven, act now creatures. It might seem like, in the midst our struggles, we should be planning and strategizing and *doing*. But may I suggest that remembering not only builds God-confidence, remembering also increases our faith. Remembering *is* our battle strategy to make us battle-strong.

### Read Hebrews 11:3-11, 17-31.

How does remembering God’s faithfulness to others encourage you?

---

What does remembering God’s faithfulness to others teach you about God?

---

Now it’s your turn. Take a moment to walk down memory lane, and thank God for all the times He brought you victory. Use the back of the paper if you need more space.

---

### Read Deuteronomy 20:4.

What does this verse tell you about God? What does it tell you about your battle?

---

### Read Psalm 143:5

In our time of remembering, what else should we remember?

---

---

We have to remember that holiness is more about the devotion *of* my life than perfection *in* my life. Scripture tells us we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Falling short of the glory of God however, does not disqualify us from holiness. We were created to be holy.

Remembering is our battle strategy. It makes us strong and keeps us going until victory is ours. But what if God's plan is defeat?

### When Victory Is Not Permitted

**Read Judges 2:15.**

What happened when Israel went out to fight?

---

---

---

“The Lord’s hand was against them.” This is one of those passages I find difficult to understand. Am I alone? God is loving and faithful. He is our Defender who fights for us. With these being true, what reason could God have for allowing His children to experience defeat?

**Read Judges 2:6-15. List some of the reasons defeat is permitted.**

**Read Romans 8:31.**

Who is for us?

---

God is for us. Then who is against us? Might I suggest that we are against us? Yes, we can be our worst enemy. We stand against ourselves when we forsake God rather than remaining faithful to Him. We invite God’s anger each time we choose to submit to our stubborn ways and disobey what He has instructed. Such behavior not only provokes His anger but evokes His discipline.

There are times when God backs off allowing us to walk away from His plan to do things our way and fall subject to the consequences of the fall. He may choose to deliver discipline right at the moment of disobedience. His purpose in either case is not to bring us harm but to bring us home, home to Him and His loving care.

**Read the following and fill in the blank:**

2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, He \_\_\_\_\_

Nahum 1:3a

God is \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Lord, We remember your faithfulness and ask you to forgive us for when we forsake you. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love.