

## MVN SZN Part 3: Raise The Standard

***"I will give you every place where you set your foot,*** as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; ***I will never leave you nor forsake you.*** Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. "Be strong and very courageous." Joshua 1:3-7 NIV

### ✓ Inferiority

"Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but ***our adequacy is from God,*** who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." 2 Corinthians 3:5-6 NAS

### ✓ Temptation

"And lead us not into ***temptation,*** but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:13 NIV

### ✓ Rejection

"Then He said to the disciples, "It is ***impossible*** that no ***offenses*** should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!" Luke 17:1 NKJV

### ✓ Discouragement

"Throughout their lives, ***they live under a cloud***—frustrated, discouraged, and angry." Ecclesiastes 5:17 NLT

### ✓ Demonic attack

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper." Isaiah 54:17 NKJV

"So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, ***the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.***" Isaiah 59:19 KJV

A standard declares ***who*** we are and ***whose*** we are.

## 1. Salvation by the blood of Jesus.

*"And they have defeated him by the **blood of the Lamb** and by their **testimony**. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die." Revelation 12:11 NLT*

*"For it is **by grace you have been saved, through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV*

*"Look, I have given you **authority over all the power of the enemy**, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you." Luke 10:19 NLT*

## 2. The Word of God.

*"Every **word of God** proves true. He is a **shield** to all who come to him for protection." Proverbs 30:5 NLT*

*"We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of **human reasoning** and to destroy **false arguments**. We destroy every **proud obstacle** that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their **rebellious thoughts** and teach them to obey Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NLT*

## 3. Courage as a follower of Jesus Christ.

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will **humble themselves** and **pray and seek my face** and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV*

- ✓ Humility invites God into your battle.
- ✓ Repentance destroys the enemies foothold in your life.
- ✓ Prayer strikes back.

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can **take your stand against the devil's schemes**. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. **With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people**." Ephesians 6:10-18 NIV*