

## **Don't Stop Now!**

Three instances from Scripture that clearly illustrate the absolute necessity of trusting the Lord and following His instructions!

### **I. THE FALL OF JERICHO Joshua 6:1-5**

A. Day 1, nothing: day 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Nothing!

Then came day 7 **Joshua 6:20**

B. God gave the victory because Joshua and the Israelites did their part!

They Trusted the Lord and followed the Lord's instructions.

### **II. NAAMAN, THE COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF ARAM 2 Kings 5:2-14**

A. Though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy.

B. God gave the victory because:

The Young Captive Girl; The King of Israel; Elisha; and Naaman all did their part!

### **III. JEHOASH RULES IN ISRAEL 2 Kings 13:14-19**

A. The Significance of the Sign. Verse 17

1. God will save.

Deliverance is of the Lord; but it must be accomplished by:

Trusting the Lord and following His instructions.

2. The unfaithfulness of man limits the goodness of God.

Jehoash did what the prophet directed, but without any earnest belief in the outcome.

B. His Slackhandedness was Censured.

Elisha was bitter! Verse 19

C. Some reasons Jehoash may have stopped.

1. Perhaps he despised the prophet's plan!

Why, it was absurd, shooting arrows into the ground.

2. Perhaps he began to doubt whether the victories would really happen.

a. He didn't have many soldiers and Syria was very strong.

b. He doubted the Divine Power because of his own weakness!

3. Perhaps he thought three victories would be enough!

a. Many Christians fall into that same trap. AFTER ALL,

1. You don't want to be too religious – too Christ like!!

2. You misunderstand your High Calling!

*a. Think your called to be a slave / when your called to reign.*

*b. Think God called you to a dunghill / when He called you to a throne.*

*c. Think your called to a skirmish here and there / when*

*your called to stand in the front line and fight constantly.*

### **IV. WHY DO WE STOP SHORT WHEN WE MIGHT BE MORE THAN CONQUERORS?**

A. Have we entrapped ourselves?

1. Are we content with just enough grace and power to get by?

2. Are we so satisfied that we have just engaged the cruise control?

B. Every Arrow of Believing Prayer means a Deliverance by the Power of God.

We ought to always pray and never stop!!

### **1 Thessalonians 5:17**