

Sermon Notes  
**Teach Them to War**  
February 26, 2022

**Exodus 23:29–30 (NLT)**

<sup>29</sup> But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals would multiply and threaten you. <sup>30</sup> I will drive them **out a little at a time** until your population has increased enough to take possession of the land.

**Judges 2:21–23 (NLT)**

<sup>21</sup> I will no longer drive out the nations that Joshua left unconquered when he died. <sup>22</sup> I did this to test Israel—to see whether or not they would follow the ways of the LORD as their ancestors did.” <sup>23</sup> That is why the LORD left those nations in place. He did not quickly drive them out or allow Joshua to conquer them all. **He did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience.**

**Principle: You cannot occupy what you have not fought for.**

**TESTING: James 1:2-4**

**1. God never allows you to be tested beyond what you can bear.**

1 Corinthians 10:12–13 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. <sup>13</sup> The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the **temptation to be more than you can stand**. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

**2. You are not alone in your struggles!**

1 Peter 5:8–11 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**3. A bruised reed he will not break.**

Matthew 12:20

<sup>20</sup> **A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out,  
till he has brought justice through to victory.**

<sup>21</sup> In his name the nations will put their hope.”

**NOTE:** If you are bruised and beaten and your light is about to go out...help is on the way! **God will pick you up, clean you up and reignite you! And the flame will burn brighter than ever!**

**4. The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.**

2 Chronicles 16:9

<sup>9</sup> For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.