



Battle Stations



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Battle of Midway – June 1942

- Most important in a long list of important battles in the Pacific Theater in WW 2
- 6 months after Pearl Harbor
- US battle group ambushed the main Japanese battle group and destroyed it
- The Japanese master plan to win the war was thwarted and undone ...
- After weathering a long and ferocious attack, the US flagship Yorktown was sunk, going down with 141 officers and crew



Hearing His Voice

- A couple of weeks ago I felt like the Lord had a word for us – really for the whole Body of Christ
- 2023 was going to be a year of Great Victories, but only after enduring great battles
- But later, as I continued to meditate on this word, I got another download, probably the most important part
- Before I get to that, I want to talk a little more about the sinking of the Yorktown



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- Too much detail and drama to go into here, but the Yorktown was attacked three times
- Each time sailors stood by their battle stations and performed their assigned duties to make repairs and keep her afloat.
- After the second attack, she was abandoned, but didn't sink, so a salvage team of 170 returned to see if they could get her running.
- A surprise sub attack the next day was the final blow.



Quiet Courage

- The crew of the Yorktown behaved heroically, but they would not want to be called heroes.
- They were just sailors standing their battle stations and doing their jobs.
- Before she went down, the Yorktown and her crew and pilots played a major role in destroying the Japanese battle group.
- After their loss at Midway, the Japanese forces never again launched a major offensive in the Pacific.



The Battle Inside the Battle

- There will be battles and challenges and tests this year, but there is one key to winning them all
- The real battle is to remain absolutely dependent on ME in EVERY situation and let MY GRACE and MY SPIRIT release MY LIFE and form MY CHARACTER within you.
- In every external battle, the enemy wants you to get caught up in circumstances instead of focusing on and Trusting in ME and letting Me work in you



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15 For thus the Lord ^[a]GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said,

“In ^[b]**repentance and rest** you will be **delivered**, In **quietness and trust** is your **strength.**”

But you were not willing,

16 And you said, “No, for we will flee on horses,”

Therefore you shall flee!

“And we will ride on swift *horses*,”

Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift.



There Will Be Battles in 2023

- Don't get fooled into thinking that they are life and death, or that they require a heroic effort from you or all will be lost
- Don't be distracted by those external battles; keep your eyes focused on the inner battle where all other battles are won and lost
- Stand your battle station, return to focus on the Lord, rest in Him, cease striving, trust HIM, you will receive the power you need and you will be delivered



Merry Christmas, YOU ARE

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY
- **WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE!!! \O/**