

300 Series: Duration! "How Long?" ***Slide Notations***

The 300 Principle! (Pictures of Special Forces Logos, Famous Last Stand battles...)
God had His own 300's too!

Noah v. Society, Moses v. Pharaoh, Gideon v. Midian, Samson v. Philistines, David v. Goliath, David v. Saul, Nathan v. David, Elijah v. Baal, Elisha v. Syrians, Nehemiah v. Tobiah, Esther v. Haman, The Hebrew Trio, Daniel v. Darius, Jesus v. The World, The Twelve v. World, You and me v. World

Running Fit! (Race Car out of gas Clip)

Dialed-in! Satellite Dish Photos

The One Plan! Bible!

Connecting the dots

To be "one of the few doing the impossible..." we must have: a fit/fueled body for ministry... an alert/wary mind... a war plan, the One Plan, tested and proven to defeat all other plans and strategies... The Word!

Battlefield tested...

The devil took Him to the top of a high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And said, "I will give you all this if You just bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, '*You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.*'" *And the devil left and angels came and ministered to Him!* **Matt 4.8-11**

Your Battlefield...

"possessions, power, pleasure; I will give you everything you seek if you will just kneel before me, the god of this world..." Senses charged up, temptation hot, fantasy running amuck, *what is your plan?*

The Word of God is the very best plan for building the biggest and best people... The Word of God is the very best strategy for waging victorious warfare...

But, "how long?" How long will the battles continue? How long will I have to fight?

1Kings 18.21 How long will you go back and forth between two opinions? if the LORD *be God, then follow Him.*

Psalms 4.2-4 "Sons of men, how long will you turn my glory to shame and love empty things and search to comfort yourselves by denying the truth? The Lord sets the godly ones apart for Himself, He hears their prayer, so stand in awe of Him and sin not – tell it to your own heart!"

Proverbs 1.20-23 "Wisdom cries out... How long seducible ones will you love being seduced? How long will the mockers take delight in their scorning? How long will the foolish live unaware? Repent and I will pour out my spirit on you and make known my words to you!"

"300" Words

"The Son of Man came not to be ministered to but to minister and give His life a ransom for many!" **Mk 10.45**

"I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done it unto you!" **Jo 13.15** "Greater love has no man than this, that he lays down his life for his friends!" **John 15.13** "You are my friends if you do the things I say..." **John 15.14** "and I have told you to love one another as I have loved you!" **John 15.12** "Tho' I am dead with Christ I continue to live in the flesh, powered by the faith of the One who loved me and died for me!" **Gal 2.20**

Surrender Clip

Surrounded... But Complimented for your efforts... "You did a great job! You shouldn't feel bad you didn't win." Offered peace, even reconciliation... "I am willing to forgive your insults and aggressions..."

Surrounded... Appeals made to your reason... "think about your men. Ready to follow you/die, but why?"
You can have it all! Eye on the prize, with small concessions... "let go of your defenses and kneel before the true god..."

Surrounded... Under the gaze of skillful enemies... Memories of home and the ones we love – the future, their future, our love/absence... Tired, huddled, and bloody... "How far do I have to go?" "How much can one person give?"

*"Though I die with you, I will not deny you!" **Mt 26.35***

*"Tell the generations... Tell them about God, our God forever, that He will be our guide even unto death!" **Ps 48.13,14***

*"Who is a faithful, wise, and exalted servant? The one who Jesus finds serving when He comes!" **Luke 12.42-44***

What's it all about?

A "300" commitment... To use your well maintained body and Word renewed mind... To fight an undistracted, well planned and executed warfare... For an entire lifetime! Alert, steady, progressive... No letting down, no turning back!

What's it take?

A sense of eternity! A series of intentional decisions! I will move toward God! I will know His ways! I will do them!
A lifetime effort/energy to complete your mission!

Every year millions of people come to Christ... loving the story of salvation and what Jesus gives... Only a handful will show loyalty and fidelity during their lifetimes... laying down their lives for the One who brought them salvation... They're the ones the legends are made of... and I want to be numbered among them!