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Ecclesiastes 9:11

I returned and saw under the sun that –
The race is not to the swift,
Nor the **battle** to the strong,
Nor **bread** to the wise,
Nor riches to men of understanding,
Nor favour to men of skill;
But time and chance happen to them all.

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Bread And Battle - *Hebrew word*

BREAD

לֶחֶם

LECHEM

Bread

BATTLE

לָחַם

LACHAM

To fight / wage war

SAME THREE HEBREW CONSONANTS

לחם

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SCRIPTURE	BREAD	BATTLE
Exodus 16–17	Manna from heaven	Israel fought Amalek
Joshua 5–6	Produce of the Promised Land	Battle of Jericho
Judges 7	Dream of a barley loaf	Gideon's victory over Midian
1 Samuel 17	David brought bread to his brothers	David killed Goliath

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Bread is Preparation; Battle is Demonstration

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Exodus 16:4, 31

Then the Lord said to Moses,
“Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you…”
31 And the house of Israel called its name Manna.

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Exodus 17:8

Now Amalek came and fought with Israel
in Rephidim.

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John 16:33

…in the world you will have tribulation;
but be of good cheer, I have overcome
the world.

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What you Feed on Determines How you Fight

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Deuteronomy 8:3

…man shall not live by bread alone;
but man lives by every word that
proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.

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Matthew 4:3

…if You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.

Matthew 4:4

…it is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

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The battle may be unexpected...

but your spiritual preparation shouldn't.

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Don't Just Eat the Bread; Engage in the Battle

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2 Dangers in the Christian life:

1. Bread without Battle
2. Battle without Bread

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James 1:22

Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

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John 15:5 – Jesus says

…for without Me you can do nothing.

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Bread without Battle → **Complacent** *(spiritually FAT)*

Battle without Bread → **Exhausted** *(spiritually FLAT)*

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God's Provision is NOT your Finish Line

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Exodus 25:30 (NASB)

You shall set the **bread of the Presence**
on the table before Me at all times.

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Exodus 33:15

…if Your Presence does not go with us,
do not bring us up from here.

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Proverbs 22:1 (NLT)

Choose a **good reputation** over great riches; being **held in high esteem** is better than silver or gold.

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The Greatest Blessing isn't getting what we want...

it's walking with the God who knows what's best for us.

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Deuteronomy 1:30

The Lord your God, who goes before you,
He will fight for you...

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The Bread of Life has Won the Greatest Battle

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John 6:35

I am the **bread of life**. He who comes to Me shall **never hunger**, and he who believes in Me shall **never thirst**.

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Acts 2:42 (NASB)

They were continually devoting themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**.

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The Christian who keeps receiving heaven's **BREAD** will find heaven's strength to face earth's **BATTLES!**

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