

CASE STUDY

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WHEN THE BATTLE DOESN'T STOP

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN OBEDIENCE DOESN'T IMMEDIATELY CHANGE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES?



She had already made the decision. Protect the vulnerable. Do what was right. Remain professional. She thought the difficult moment would eventually pass. *It didn't.*



What began as workplace resistance intensified. The atmosphere became increasingly hostile. Incidents occurred that were difficult to dismiss as ordinary disagreement.



Then one weekend, while working alone in the building, she approached her computer. Something was wrong. As she began working near the keyboard, *roaches suddenly scattered from it.* She was stunned.



Then came something even more troubling: *anonymous threats connected to her home and personal safety.*



She documented what was happening. She sought appropriate assistance. She continued fulfilling her responsibilities. But privately, she wrestled with a question many believers eventually confront: *"God, I did what I believed was right. Why didn't the battle stop?"*



She had obeyed. She had tried to remain professional. She had resisted retaliation. Yet obedience had not produced immediate deliverance. And perhaps that was where the deeper surrender began. Because surrender isn't trusting God only when He quickly changes the situation. *Surrender is trusting Him when you cannot yet see what He is doing with it.*

REFLECTION



Can I trust God before I understand what He is doing?



Am I asking only for deliverance from the pressure—or also for transformation through it?



What is this season producing in me that comfort never could?



If God doesn't change them first, will I still allow Him to change me?

★ THE BATTLE MAY BE HAPPENING AROUND YOU. BUT GOD MAY BE DOING HIS GREATEST WORK WITHIN YOU. She couldn't see the ending yet. She didn't know what door would eventually open. She didn't know how God would use what she was experiencing. She only knew she had reached the place where *fighting harder was no longer the answer.* *She surrendered the battle to God.* *And what happened next changed the way she understood the entire season.*



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WHAT WAS GOD DOING?

Perhaps God wasn't asking her to become better at fighting people. Perhaps He was teaching her something far more difficult:

How do you remain His—and continue to reflect His likeness—when circumstances give you every reason to become someone else?

Pressure could make her bitter. Fear could make her retreat. Anger could make her retaliate. The need to vindicate herself could consume her.

But what if the greatest battle wasn't merely happening around her? What if God was doing His deepest work within her?

Maybe victory wasn't going to begin when everyone else changed. Maybe victory was beginning when their behavior could no longer determine *who she became.*

PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

Lord, help me remain Your reflection when I feel like reacting.

Guard my heart from bitterness, my mind from fear, and my mouth from retaliation.

Teach me to trust You with the outcome while I remain faithful in the process.

Let Your peace be my posture even when the battle continues.

God never wastes a surrendered life.

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