



SHOUTING FOR vs shouting at

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Introduction

A couple years ago Ryne and I went to a KENTUCKY game (vs. South Carolina)...it was a big game. We got good tickets (about three rows from the field)...but I learned something about going to college football games (now days), you can't just sit and enjoy the game...think about what the next move is going to be...YOU MUST stand the whole game (even on the third row) and SHOUT...not necessarily say anything (yell pointers), but just SHOUT incoherently for four quarters. It is exhausting.

Why even purchase seats...we HAD TO STAND and SHOUT!

The thing is...when you SHOUT you are doing a couple things for the players on the field:

- You are energizing your players...encouraging them to play better with passion.
- You are confusing the opponents...they can't hear each other. It will lead to penalties and miscommunications.

UNDERSTAND: It doesn't mean everything is going perfect in the game...it just means SHOUTING is what you do.

What I have found, IN LIFE, is that you have a choice to make every day...either SHOUT FOR or SHOUT AT!

LISTEN: I have sat in the stand of more than a few basketball games (and other sports) where I have SHOUTED AT the referees!

- You are horrible.
- You missed the call.
- It is your fault.

SHOUTING AT sounds a lot like WHINING or COMPLAINING about your situation. BLAMING others. It may be actually shouting at others.

- It is your FAULT.
- I would be further in my career if it wasn't for THIS OR THAT!
- My failure is because of my SPOUSE, my BOSS, etc.
- Why does nothing work for me.

SHOUTING FOR is energizing, expecting the victory, going on the offensive instead of being defensive.

Psalm 32:11 – “Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: **and shout for joy**, all ye that are upright in heart.”

Psalm 35:27 – “Let **them shout for joy**, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.”

Jeremiah 31:7 (NLT) – “Now this is what the LORD says: “Sing with joy for Israel. Shout for the greatest of nations! Shout out with praise and joy: ‘Save your people, O LORD, the remnant of Israel!’”

Joshua 6:16 – “And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, **Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.**”

NOTICE: SHOUTING FOR doesn't have anything to do with what is going on around you...it has everything to do with your expectation...with what God has already done (given you the city).

The Children of Israel

Think about the children of Israel...God's children. God was giving them the PROMISED LAND...short journey...no big whoop!

But they couldn't get past **SHOUTING AT** instead of **SHOUTING FOR** (the thing that would knock down walls forty years later).

- 1.) Exodus 14:11 – The Red Sea
They yelled at MOSES because of the enemy pursuing them, “Didn’t we tell you we wanted to stay in Egypt?”
- 2.) Exodus 15:24 – Bitter waters of Marah
They grumbled, complained and murmured because they didn’t have any water.
NOTE: vs. 25 – Moses CRIED OUT to the Lord (he raised his voice for answers).
- 3.) Exodus 16:2 – Hungry in the wilderness of Sin
They grumbled, complained and murmured for lack of food.
Moses cried out to the Lord, again.
- 4.) Exodus 17:2-3 – No water at Rephidim
“**Chide**” – argue, contend and even get physical with
“**Murmur**” – grumbled, complained and murmured again.

YOU GET THE FEELING they were experts at SHOUTING AT...instead of SHOUTING FOR. They kept telling Moses and God...it is YOUR FAULT we are going to die in the wilderness. NO...God was trying to get them in the blessings while the enemy was trying to kill steal and destroy. MOSES kept crying out, “HELP!”

ILLUSTRATION: Youth Pastor Mark Boone who only had time to SHOUT OUT, “Jesus!” when we were in that bus accident.

I could go on and on with the children of Israel in the wilderness...they couldn't stop SHOUTING AT...and they kept getting further from the PROMISED LAND.

At one point (Number 11:4) they just wept for themselves (felt sorry for themselves)...“WHOA IS ME!”

My Question

What are you doing?

Do you take time...everyday to shout in praise? Shout for the victory? Shout because of the favor you have? Get excited about HOW God is going to come through for you today?

Or do you just complain? Whine about your situation? Blame others for your failures?

Numbers 23:21 – “He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the **LORD his God is with him**, and the **shout of a king is among them.**”

UNDERSTAND: Where God is, where His blessing is...there is a SHOUT!

YOU need to practice shouting in praise...enquiring of the Lord...but never complaining or blaming.

Paul and Silas (Acts 16) SANG LOUD in prison...God was there and opened the doors!

What doors are still closed because you are SHOUTING AT instead of SHOUTING FOR!

Revelation 19:1 – “After this, I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting, “Praise the LORD! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.”

HEAVEN will be LOUD...may as well get ready down here!

(hell will be loud too)