

NO EASY WAR (James 1)

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Album: Amazing LORD 'n' Life

Prelude & tag built around Sabine Baring-Gould's with Arthur Sullivan
1865 "Onward Christian Soldiers" (Public Domain, CCLI # 47017)

1 *Onward Christian soldiers: Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe! Forward into battle-- see His banner go!*

2 *At the sign of triumph, Satan's host doth flee.
On then, Christian soldiers --- on to victory! [Ephesians 6:10-]
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise!
Brothers, lift your voices --- loud your anthems raise!*

PRELUDE

Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war.
With the cross of Jesus going on before...

1

When did we start thinking following Jesus
would make our life become more fun and easy?
JESUS HIMSELF said "Take up My cross."
Jesus did NOT say "Put on a cross necklace."

CHORUS

Satan is dangling apple temptations, trying to make you forget he's made WAR.
You give him joy, doubting God says there's demons. James 2:19,
We're in NO EASY WAR!
God promised Christ Followers: Satan's declared war.
We will WIN with Jesus, but there's NO EASY WAR.
God promised LIFE. God promised PEACE but **NO EASY WAR.**

SCRIPTURE 1

Jesus is quoted by 3 gospel writers, Matthew Mark AND Luke, saying 4x as in Mark
8:34, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his
cross, and follow Me." <Also Matt 16:24, Mark 10:21,
Luke 9:23>

2

When did we start teaching others that Jesus
will end problems if we pray right words?
Jesus said we're at War with Evil.
He promised we'd suffer persecution or death.

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SCRIPTURE 2

Jesus said in John 8:44 that Satan is real & the Father of Lies. In John 10:10, He said Satan is a real DESTROYER, but Jesus came to bring us abundant LIFE.

3

When did most churches begin teaching blessings
as God's promise-- to have riches and health?
God says through James, "Rejoice in your troubles!" [James 1:2]
From them we grow in trust of our God's plan!

CHORUS (all)

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SCRIPTURE 3: Thru James 1:2, God tells us we WILL have many trials & temptations by Evil. God gives us the Victory plan thru James 4: 7 & 8 – run AWAY from Satan & TOWARD God! John 16:33, Jesus said in in this world you WILL have tribulations- but rejoice in Him: HE has overcome the world!

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SONG STORY. I had just set up my keyboard in a set aside special room at a house I was visiting for 2 weeks, a sabbatical for songwriting, and wanted to check that the pedal was working properly. I was just playing a few chords of ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS, doing my usual fun thing of changing some traditional hymn major chords into minor or seventh chords, just to give a different sound. Suddenly the thought came to mind, **THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS AN EASY WAR.**

WHY DO CHRISTIANS ACT LIKE GOD'S REQUIRED TO MAKE LIFE EASY ?

Within 1/2 hour, I'd written out this song. Typed the music sheet that night & tested it. Took 2 days to create all the MIDI instrument tracks in my home studio. Then took project to my next scheduled professional recording studio 3 days later to add vocals and drums and bass..... **GOD'S SONG in 3 days.**

As always, HIS empowering- Ephesians 3:20!