

LET THE BELLS RING

The citizens of Feldkirch, Austria, didn't know what to do. Napoleon's massive army was preparing to attack.

Soldiers had been spotted on the heights above the little town, which was situated on the Austrian border. So a council of citizens was hastily summoned to decide whether they should try to defend themselves or display the white flag of surrender.

It happened to be Easter Sunday, and the people gathered in the local church. The pastor rose and said, "Friends, we have been counting on our own strength, and apparently that has failed. As this is the day of our Lord's resurrection, let us just ring the bells, have our services as usual, and leave the matter in His hands."

The council accepted the pastor's plan and the church bells rang. The enemy, hearing the sudden peal, concluded that the Austrian army had arrived during the night to defend the town. Before the service ended, the enemy broke camp and left.

We, too, may be facing circumstances that threaten to crush us. But let us call on God and depend on His almighty power.

With us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles (2 Chronicles 32:8).

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