RESTORATION & The Power of Prayer

"Come follow Me"



Spiritual Warfare



Recap: The Real Battle (7 Key Takeaways)

1. What are we really fighting? The most crucial thing in any battle is first to understand what we are fighting. The Bible is very clear that what we are really fighting is not flesh and blood, but rather the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world. As long as we keep fighting flesh and blood —WE LOSE!



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 The Two Opposing Kingdoms

 A. The Kingdom of God the body of Believers, made alive in Christ through the cross, servicemen and women of God.
 B. The Kingdom of Satan, highly organized ancient kingdom of beings –persons without bodies who abide in the heavenly realms.



- 3. The Most Important Fact and Key Turning Point
 - A. Total victory over Satan was achieved when Jesus Christ died on the cross and was then resurrected on the third day. The cross's triumph made a public spectacle of Satan totally disarming Him (Colossians 2:13-15).
 - B. Christ has already defeated Satan totally and forever!
 - C. The battle belongs to God! We walk out the victory in Him.

- 4. The Enemy's Best Strategy
 - A. The Enemy's strategy is lies and deception
 - B. And his best lie is that one degree from the truth
 - C. We are dealing with the Father (Master) of lies!

- 5. Our Primary Dilemma
 - A. Our primary dilemma is that we, knowingly or unknowingly, open our lives to seductive deception, footholds, and ultimately strongholds when we allow by free choice evil ideas, concepts, or decisions into our minds and hearts.
 B. When we do this, the Enemy has a legal right to come into our lives and wreak havoc.



- Our Weapons should be appropriate to the war
 A. Warfare is in the spiritual realm; therefore, the spiritual weapons are required
 - B. We are dealing with fortresses (strongholds)



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7. Understand where the real battle is taking place ... the battleground

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as this world does.
The weapons we fight are not of this world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.
We DEMOLISH EVERY Argument, Reasoning, Imagination, and Pretention that sets itself up against the knowledge of God,
And we take EVERY thought captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5



- 7. Understand where the real battle is taking place ...the battleground
 - A. Every argument, pretension, imagination, speculations, reasonings and thought that sets itself up against the knowledge of God.
 - B. The battleground is in the realm of the mind.



- 7. Understand where the real battle is taking place ...the battleground
 - C. Satan is waging war to capture the minds of the human race building strongholds and fortresses
 - D. It is our part to walk with Christ in truth bringing freedom into the captive minds of men and women (Luke 4:18); and to continue to walk in obedience of Jesus Christ.



Recap: We are OVERCOMERS

> JESUS CHRIST TRIUMPHED COMPLETELY, AND we, as Believers, walk out His victory one-day-at-a-time!

From our cornerstone –Jesus Christ – we overcome.



Recap: We are OVERCOMERS

What do WE OVERCOME?
1) The World system of belief of this temporal world. Everyone born of God overcomes the world and the victory that overcomes is OUR FAITH (1 John 5:4).



Recap: We are OVERCOMERS

What do WE OVERCOME? 2) The FLESH our carnal nature – desires of the flesh. Desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and Spirit against flesh (Galatians 5:17). It is No longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. The life live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20).



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What do WE OVERCOME?

3) The DEVIL our adversary- the Master of Lies. The real enemy, not flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12). Total victory over Satan by Jesus on the cross, Satan is disarmed. By FAITH in God, we walk out this victory (Colossians 2: 13-15).



Put on the Full Armor of God, [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier] so that you will be able to [successfully] stand firm against the schemes of the devil.



For our struggles are NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.



Therefore, put on THE COMPLETE (FULL) ARMOR OF GOD, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious].



So, STAND FIRM and HOLD YOUR GROUND,

Having tightened the wide band BELT OF TRUTH around your waist, and having put on the BREASPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,



Above all, lift up the [protective] SHIELD OF FAITH, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.



And having SHOD (STRAPPED) YOUR FEET WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news].



And take the HELMET OF SALVATION, and the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the Word of God.



WITH ALL PRAYER AND PETITION [with specific request] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people.



EVERY DAY WE ARE TO PUT ON THE HELMET OF SALVATION



Learning to "...take every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Beginning to see life through the Christ's perspective and no longer our own by developing a personal intimate walk with Him. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace (Romans 8:6).

See challenges that we face throughout the day as an "opportunity" to witness the glory of God in our life rather than seeing it as an obstacle that seems impossible to overcome.

Learning TO PROTECT OUR MIND in the BATTLES...

PUT ON THE BELT OF TRUTH

And that SIMPLE truth is:

Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Lifethere is no other way to God except through HIM. (John 14:6)

THE CORNERSTONE UPON WHICH OUR FAITH IS BUILT

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PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTOUSNESS

Through the power of Holy Spirit, we now have the "Righteousness of Jesus Christ" living within us

Therefore, we can say in complete confidence, "I am an heir of God and co-heirs with Christ AND I AM WORTHY! I no longer feel unworthy in any way for I have the Righteousness of Jesus Christ abiding in me!"

This is about knowing who we are in Jesus Christ...



WE SHOD OUR FEET WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Everywhere we go or whatever we do, we now have the power of the Holy Spirit within us, we clearly see and accomplish the opportunities to Walk in the Good News!



By first recognizing challenges that we face throughout the day as "opportunities" instead of "obstacles," we become empowered through prayer to walk in victory by the power of the Holy Spirit in every area of life.

"We walk the walk by abiding in Jesus Christ; and talk the talk through the power of the Holy Spirt."

Obstacles in our path are turned into DIVINE opportunities...



TAKE UP OUR SHIELD OF FAITH TO EXTINGUISH THE FIERY DART OF THE EVIL ONE

Daily these "Fiery Darts" can come from anywhere and everywhere: especially, from our own unfiltered thoughts and from those closest to us

Those closest to us often fire the hottest darts, speaking without thinking and causing the most damage

We extinguish every flaming arrow with the shield of faith...

WE TAKE THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT- THE WORD OF GOD



The double-edged sword IS the Word of God –Meaning the Scripture and the revelation words of the Holy Spirit abiding in us.

Example: Jesus, after being filled with the **Holy Spirit**, went into the desert for 40 days and was tempted by Satan three times, he used the revelation words of **Scripture** to overcome the temptations and EVIL.

For evil in any form, we have the power to take down powers and principalities by means of prayer from our own mouth.

The only offensive weapon in the entire armory...



"Fighting the good fight of faith in Jesus Christ one-day-at-a-time."



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