

# **Appendix N**

## **Our War and Tomorrows Battles**

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#### **Why We War and Battle**

Today this is a well-used scripture, but when I first became a Christian, it seemed like no one knew it. The Lord constantly showed it to me and reminded me of it. It is the opening into seeing the world we live in and God wants to prepare us for it.

Ephesians 6:10

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. [11] Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Here is our war and what makes our many battles. It is not against man but the devil our enemy. We could go into why this is so, but for now lets be content with the Word of God and that it is so. We will get into it later as we grow. But as a knew born in Christ, lets have faith in God's word.

So we ask how could this be so? My neighbor who keeps pounding on me is not the devil. He is a man. The enemy is constantly trying to use us and make us to his dirty work. He uses our worldly nature against us.

James 1:13

“When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; [14] but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. [15] Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

The neighbor pounding of others is a sin. This is how it grows. The enemy uses our worldly nature against us by tempting us to do something. This is usually be a lie, (he is the father of lies and liars). But we listen to him and to this lie. Because we do not fight it then that temptation grows into our own desire to do it. Until finally we decide to go with this desire, which turns into by doing it. Hence the neighbor pounds on you.

This can happen to anyone, even Christians.

EPH 2:1

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] “ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.”

So as is says here anyone who is disobedient can be controlled by the enemy. The enemy can control even Christians who are disobedient.

There for a while people were just running others off the road in hopes to kill them (Germany 1976). They even went to the point that if the crash did not kill them, they would stop and shoot them. Or others would go up into a tower and just start shooting people at the college. When asked why, they said, I do not know, the devil made me do it. This is not that far off.

These people were controlled by our enemy. Likewise, to what we would consider a lesser degree, those who seem to be against us are controlled by the enemy.

Ephesians 2:3

“[4] But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

So then, this is why God requires us to be born again. The only way to be saved is to be born again. And this is only done by God's grace.

“ [13] Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, [15] and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. [16] In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17] Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. [18] And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”

There is a legal case in which a man was found guilty of murder protecting himself against a known murderer. One day the man was camping. And that evening a stranger came to his camp. Shortly after that the stranger pulls out a knife and tries to kill the man. During the struggle, the man gets the knife away and restrains the stranger. So he ties him up and starts to walk the stranger to the nearest Ranger station. On the way the stranger attacks the man again. Now this man is a peaceful person and does not want to hurt this stranger, even though he knows that the stranger is determined to kill him. So during the struggle, the man is careful not to harm the stranger.

Well many struggles happen and the stranger constantly tries to get away and kill the man. Eventually, the man does kill the stranger. The man tells the police that during the final struggle, he killed the stranger, but the evidence shows that the man just took out his gun and killed the stranger, which is murder: an intentional killing. Now if the man had killed the stranger during the struggle, it would have been self defense, but because the man killed the stranger as he just sat there, then it is intentional murder. The law does not allow anyone to just kill some one to protect himself, just because he thinks that the other person might kill him.

The point is that we are at war. We do not have the time and luxury to disable the enemy, especially when the enemy is dedicated and determined to destroy us. We can not take prisoners.

We are always trying to keep from hurting others during our struggle, but that only works when the person is really a family member, it that we hope to protect them so that the Lord can save them, which is why He asks us to turn the other cheek.

But in the heat of war, we cannot do that. We must stop the enemy. We must protect our family, and ourselves; so the only way to stop the enemy is to make it permanent.

It is not like when you encounter a group of others. The one that is the taller (the bully) stands out and starts picking on you. So after a few punches, you run to your father and scared and frightened you beg your father to do something. When the father starts to tell him to stand up against the bully, he starts to panic, and he begs the father to go to the bully and make him stop. So again the father tells him to stand up for himself.

So when you see the bully, you stand your ground and the bully punches you. You believe that he is a good person and you do not want to hurt him. So you tell him that you will tell your father on him, but he does not care. So you cry for you father but nothing happens. Later at home, you cry to you father and cry why didn't he help. But your father says the he did, you were supposed to stand up against the bully and fight back. He says that if stand up against the bully, then he will come and help.

So the next time, the bully comes and starts to pick on you, you decide to stand and fight back. When you do, the bully sees you father standing behind you and runs away, but when you turn around you do not see him.

The final time you see the bully, the next day he does it again. The bully decides that he is not scared of your father. So he picks on you again. This time you have to fight back and when you do, the bully is punched so hard that he runs away determined that he does not want to go through that again.

Paul says in Ephesians 6:10

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. [11] Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

He says that our battles are of the spirit realm. All of these evil spirits are bullies dedicated and determined to destroy us. They are like the stranger who will not give up even when it looks bad for him.

In the movies, the good guys get hurt or killed because they let the bad guy live, even when they have the chance and right to kill them before the evil one kills them. Then the evil guy takes the family and loved ones. This is ok in the movie, but in real life, it is hard to get another chance to protect our loved ones. This is a war, decisive and final. Only the one alive wins.

So what then? The Lord tells us to stand up against the evil one, but be decisive and final about it.

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We must do the fighting, we must be prepared, we must stand, we must resist, we must be strong in the Lord, we must not afraid, we must be joyful, we must be self-controlled and we must do it.

The Lord says that we must do the fighting and the Father will support us.

But how do we do this? We do it by faith, this is believing, trusting and doing. We have to believe the Lord will help, we trust Him with our life, and do it by doing what He has asked to do.

This is done by having faith in the Father and Jesus, we make a decision to do what the Father has asked and we do it without fear as if we had all of the power and knowledge of God to do it, because we do. Like the little boy whose father stood behind him, so will our Father stand behind and give us the power, wisdom and knowledge to do it.

But we have to decide to so and then follow through. This is the faith that moves mountains. This is the faith that will destroy our enemy.

But we must destroy the enemy; we cannot let him live, because if we do, he will come back again and again and again. He will eventually destroy our lives and family. He cannot survive.

1Peter 5:8

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

Again in Matthew 12:43

"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. [44] Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. [45] Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

When the evil spirit comes out, it must not be allowed to return or go to any other. Our enemy is relentless.

But today, the Lord is calling us to win and not suffer.

Deuteronomy 20:1

"When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you. [2] When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward and address the army. [3] He shall say: "Hear, O Israel, today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not be terrified or give way to panic before them. [4] For the LORD your God

is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

We must not have mercy on the evil one. We must pull out the stops on evil, and release the full power of God on it.

Deuteronomy 13:6

"If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you love, or your closest friend secretly entices you, saying, "Let us go and worship other gods" (gods that neither you nor your fathers have known, [7] gods of the peoples around you, whether near or far, from one end of the land to the other), [8] do not yield to him or listen to him. Show him no pity. Do not spare him or shield him. [9] You must certainly put him to death. Your hand must be the first in putting him to death, and then the hands of all the people. [10] Stone him to death, because he tried to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. [11] Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and no one among you will do such an evil thing again."

Also:

Deuteronomy 13:12

"If you hear it said about one of the towns the LORD your God is giving you to live in [13] that wicked men have arisen among you and have led the people of their town astray, saying, "Let us go and worship other gods" (gods you have not known), [14] then you must inquire, probe and investigate it thoroughly. And if it is true and it has been proved that this detestable thing has been done among you, [15] you must certainly put to the sword all who live in that town. Destroy it completely, both its people and its livestock. [16] Gather all the plunder of the town into the middle of the public square and completely burn the town and all its plunder as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God. It is to remain a ruin forever, never to be rebuilt. [17] None of those condemned things shall be found in your hands, so that the LORD will turn from his fierce anger; he will show you mercy, have compassion on you, and increase your numbers, as he promised on oath to your forefathers, [18] because you obey the LORD your God, keeping all his commands that I am giving you today and doing what is right in his eyes."

The Lord has never wanted or accepted evil amongst us. Evil is like yeast.

1 Corinthians 5:6

"Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? [7] Get rid of the old yeast that

you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. [8] Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth."

So we must get rid of evil in and around our lives. We must do more than just sit back and pray expecting our Father to do it for us. He has to work through us.

But we cannot do it without Him either.

1Peter 5:5

"Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

"God opposes the proud  
but gives grace to the humble."

[6] Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. [7] Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

So what then? We must work as a team with the Father and Holy Spirit. We must pray and cast our problems, then we must work with Him and do as He says to do. When we do as He has asked and it seems impossible we must do it out of faith. If God says to do it, then He will do the impossible. Finally, it is the determination to obey the Lord that will win. Faith without works is dead.

JAS 2:14

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? [15] Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. [16] If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? [17] In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

In many cases the works or deeds that need to be done is first with in ourselves. We must stand up against them. The jezebel spirit that attacks with in. To win against this worst of all evil spirits, we must be determined to go against it and resist it. This determination to do the Lord's will is the deed or work of faith. Once that you have determined even unto death, to fight against the evil, then the Father will stand behind you and give you all the power necessary to achieve victory.

When we do it out of obedience, He will give us the victory. To try to do this before He asks you to, then you will loose. His timing is perfect. He is preparing us.

And only after all preparation is over, will we win. Therefore, we must wait on the Lord. He will tell us when to do it. When He does, victory is assured. If not then the roaring evil loin will return, and you will be worse off.

Patience is a virtue. Patience is part of Love,

1CO 13:4

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

And it is part of the gifts of the spirit.

GAL 5:22

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”

So in conclusion, praying and fasting is always good, but to do this and not put it into practice or deeds or work, then it is dead and worthless. You must do something to be free from evil. You must do it. You must resist the deeds of the flesh.

GAL 5:19

“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

All of this is also called the jezebel spirit. To stop this you must stop. Do not do it. All through out the bible says that you must not do it. But how do not do it. Especially when you have allies of the enemy within—your flesh. It wants to do this. It lusts after doing these things. It desires after these thing. It is often even addicted to these things. So what then? A long battle.

You not only have to fight the jezebel spirit but you have to battle your own self.



## **ARE YOU AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE?**

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Many of you are under some of the worst trials and situations of your life. No matter what you try to do to relieve the pressure, nothing works. One problem will be solved and 2 more will pop up. In fact, you feel like the camel that is waiting for the last straw to land on its back! You have rebuked the enemy until you are blue in the face and have had everyone you know pray for you, but nothing seems to work for long.

You are tired and beat and just can't seem to walk with God like you used to. You cry out to God and it seems like the Heavens are brass. You are just out of energy to follow God, you are ready to give up!

What God is doing is bringing you to the end of your own strength, so He can fill you with His. All is not lost or hopeless, do not believe what the enemy has been whispering into your ear. You are not the world's greatest spiritual failure!

God is bringing us all to a point where we can no longer walk with Him using the methods and ways of the past. When we are weak..... we are strong!

God wants us to rely on His strength, not ours! It is time to burst out of our "white washed tombs" and burst forth into the presence of the living God.

God wants us all to have a new beginning with Him. God's ways are not our ways and it is time for us to forsake our old ways and to follow Him.

I have been hearing 2 words lately..... New Beginning! This is not the end, all is not lost..... this is just the new beginning of your walk with God!

Of course what you have been going through has been painful, of course you feel like you are at the end of your rope. But we all need to "give up on ourselves" and the ways we have followed in the past and let God lead us into the realm of the Spirit!!!

If you walk in the Spirit, you will not fulfill the desires and lusts of the flesh!!! It is time to start walking in the Spirit, but not by our own strength, but according to His. Give up!..... let it all go!..... Give it all to God and rest in Him!!! We have been carrying our own burdens far too long!!!!

It is time to move into God's rest and experience his peace and joy without measure!!! This is an exciting time! It is time to walk in the Spirit and know the presence and power of God!!!

Rejoice because your release from the flesh is near! Here are some words God has given me lately on the new thing He is about to do. It is time for us to BEGIN our new walk with God!

#### The release of the Spirit

I am about to pour out my Spirit on all flesh. But before I do, I desire to release the presence of the Spirit within you. No longer will you have to walk by faith and not by sight. You will soon experience My presence continually!

Rejoice..... because of the new thing I am about to do.  
Rejoice ..... for I am bringing all things to completion!  
Rejoice..... for soon everything will be revealed plainly to you!

#### I Am your strength

I am bringing you to a place of emptiness... Where you will have to lay down your desires and take up the strength I desire to provide you.

Nothing is too hard for me, now take My hand and allow Me to guide you. I am your strength..... now rest in my and I will lift you up.

#### Deliverance is coming

The Lord says:

I Am about to set the captives free. I am bringing deliverance to My people. I am about to deliver them from the bondages of the flesh, that they have suffered from for so long... I am about to set My people free!