

Kingdom Battle: Pushing Back the Darkness

In 2014, I was offered a job as a local evangelist for a prominent church in Northern Ireland. I went on to stand on those cold, rainy, wet streets five days a week for three years, leading people to Christ and learning what it is to be a one-to-one evangelist. I was schooled by the Holy Spirit in this unique way we call Jesus at the Door.

As I prayed for the sick and tried to articulate the gospel, the Spirit dropped phrases like raindrops from heaven into my spirit, that when shared with these strangers changed the atmosphere and resulted in a tangible reviving to all who were touched by these words of life. I went on to lead thousands to Christ in a one-to-one fashion, using this gift from heaven called Jesus at the Door, an imagery-laden gospel presentation that takes a matter of minutes to walk your recipient from introduction to salvation.

As there was no wineskin in which to disciple these baby believers, my wife and I opened our home and looked to Jesus—which resulted in the birthing of our Revive New Believers groups. Many of these babes in Christ found family there and began to fill many rows on a Sunday morning as we witnessed an incredible 45% growth in our church in those first two years.

In 2018, I'd only been to two nations (one being the U.S.). The Lord told me that in 10 years Jesus at the Door would go global, and the nations would come knocking. This felt like an impossible word. Then in 2020, evangelist Daniel Kolenda invited me to come and record a podcast about my new book, for which he graciously provided the Foreword. Afterward, he told me he wanted me to bring our ministry to Orlando to be a partner with Christ for All Nations. I went home and prayed,

and the Holy Spirit said, "I told you the nations would come knocking." The nations have been opening to us in many unique ways. Our Jesus at the Door app now has users in 170 nations. We know His Word will not return void.

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King's Army

In 2021, I began to feel the Spirit hovering over the waters of my heart. Just as we read in Genesis 1:2, I could feel the Spirit, but the vision was without form. In this brooding season I felt the Lord wanted to do again what He once did in the early years of the Salvation Army well over 100 years prior. They reminded the body of Christ that the Great Commission (which wasn't given to evangelists, but to disciples) wasn't a deployment to the playground but to the battleground!

In September 2022, this hovering became a tangible reality when I heard the Spirit say, "Call it The King's Army!" The next morning as I sat in my prayer closet meditatively pondering those three words, I noticed a Salvation Army book sitting on my table given to me as a gift some nine months earlier. As I flicked through it, my eyes landed on three words that I'd underlined many months before—The King's Army!

In that moment the Spirit illuminated my room with His presence, and I began to weep. I then saw a vision of Jesus on a horse in a shield, and He told me, "I'm raising up an army for the end times to push back darkness!" He told me to go to Revelation 19:11-18, as He then confirmed His *rhema* spoken word through His *logos* written Word. I was undone as I read of Jesus' return coming strong on a horse in battle with the armies of heaven behind Him.

The Holy Spirit gave us the slogan: "Raise the standard—Push

Back Darkness.” Scripture says, “When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him” (Isa. 59:19, MEV). The enemy has entered this generation like a tsunami, unleashing a torrent of sin into every heart and home wherever possible. Many (including Christians) are drowning in this flood.

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The Lord is responding to this flood by raising the standard, seeking out the brave Christian men and woman who will stand against this tyranny and fight! This fight for the very souls of men rests in the hands of every man, woman and child who identifies as a disciple of Christ.

The apostle Paul said in 2 Timothy 2:3-4, suffer as a good soldier of Christ, don't live like civilians concerned with civilian affairs, but live like soldiers concerned with pleasing your commanding officer—the one who enlisted you: King Jesus! The standard of a soldier compared to that of a civilian is considerably higher in every single area of life. We have a church culture that is reflective of a civilian Christianity rather than a soldier Christianity. Civilians don't win wars, and I'm sure I don't need to convince you we're in one right now. Therefore, we need a radical army (church) to beat a radical enemy (devil).

The question isn't whether you want to enlist in the King's army. You already did that the day you surrendered your life to the King. The question is, will you fight? As a chosen, commissioned soldier of Christ, will you raise the standard and push back the darkness?

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