

Are You Struggling to Hear God?

Many people in their worship time end up in the mindset of a struggling match with their wants, desires, worries and concerns. It becomes a time or battle in the mind with the flesh warring against the spiritual goals and desires to get closer to His presence.

In the moment of this battle, if you can release all of your distractions, wants and desires, your battle can change in the blink of an eye. It becomes a moment of warring and struggles being transformed into victory in His presence with the breakthrough you are seeking, just through simply loving Him.

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God is interested in lovers, not fighters. We think we have to fight our way through, when in reality, the fight is simply, "I have to die to myself and just love Him."



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At that point, you love God and apply this to your worship and love Him for who He is and what He represents because God is love. He takes you to Himself. You bypass all of the struggling and the mental torments. You bypass all of that because you enter into love. The Bible says that God inhabits the praises of His people (Ps. 22:3). This means that God inhabits your praise.

When you choose to love, you are choosing the space where He dwells. That is where He is. So many of us are stuck in this warring, fighting mentality or mindset, always striving to fight without realizing that the fight has already been won.

You just have to love your way through that reality.

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To be clear, I am not saying we do not fight. We do fight, but we fight in the wrong way. The Bible tells us the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but they are mighty in God for the pulling down of strongholds (2 Cor. 10:4). What does this mean? The weapons referred to are spiritual weaponry, not carnal. When we look at the armor of God, we look or think of Roman soldiers. We think of a physical soldier when Paul tells us we do not fight according to this world. So why do we apply the Roman soldier to Ephesians 6, when Paul tells us we fight not of this world or like this world? We take on a wrong understanding of Scripture. We start developing an unnecessary militancy and have a mindset of fighting all the time, when in reality, it has nothing to do with the fighting we perceive it to be.

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To clarify further, look up the word "kiss." In the Song of Solomon, Chapter 2, for example, the word translated "kiss" is the Hebrew word to "fasten the lips like in a kiss," but it also means "to arm with weaponry." Those who kiss the Lord and whom the Lord kisses are then armed with spiritual weaponry because the fight is not like those of this world. The violence that speaks of the kingdom is a love of God. It's for lovers. The Bible says in the last half of the book of Revelation that the body of Christ is addressed not as fighters but as kings and priests to their God and as a bride.

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