

There is Rest in Your Fight

I heard the Lord say, "There is rest in your fight. This is not the time to lay down nor is it the time to be complacent. It is the time to fight. You will overcome and possess the spoils of the enemy." When the Lord spoke this to me, I began to ponder exactly what He meant. The words "*rest*" and "*fight*" seemed like an extraordinary dichotomy. Those two actions seemed as though they are directly opposed to one another. He revealed to me that we are called to fight. Faith is a fight. If you are not fighting, you are not walking in faith.

"So fight with faith for the winner's prize! Lay your hands upon eternal life, to which you were called and about which you made the good confession before the multitude of witnesses!" (1 Tim. 6:12, TPT).

Take note that the apostle Paul was addressing Timothy, his spiritual son. Examine what he said to him. He said, "Fight with is your calling!" We, like Timothy, are God's soldiers on the earth. We are called to war against the enemy. Possibly you are thinking, *This year, I have fought enough. I am tired; I have been overwhelmed.* Do not give in to those negative thoughts! At one point, Paul had to remind Timothy that he was called to "endure hardness as a good soldier" (2 Tim. 2:3), which in the original Greek means "whatever it takes to get the job done, do it!"

King David was known for his extraordinary fighting skills. While he was a shepherd tending to his father's sheep, his relationship with God was developed. The prophet Samuel was sent to Bethlehem to anoint the next King of Israel. When David came before the prophet, God confirmed that he was the one. Samuel anointed David's head with the oil, marking him the next King of Israel.

David's most famous fight was with a giant named Goliath. When Goliath blasphemed His God, David, with a righteous

indignation, ran toward him with only a slingshot! In fact, he used the giant's own sword to sever his head. I would call that a divine reversal. And just as David did when the enemy opposed him, you too will cut off the enemy's head. Every weapon that has formed against you will boomerang right back to him. It was this great victory that catapulted David to serve in the palace.

King Saul eventually became jealous of David. The Bible tells us that the Spirit of God left Saul and he became possessed by a demon spirit. That spirit hated David and wanted to assassinate him. Saul desperately tried 21 different times to murder David. Yet with every attempt, God helped David. He narrowly escaped Saul's clutches by climbing out of windows, hiding in caves and even living among his enemies, the Philistines. David literally ran for his life for years. He did whatever he had to do until God's Word to him was brought forth. He endured hardness as a good soldier!

We live in a time like no other. Current events have brought forth a reset in the body of Christ. Playtime is over. The church has become the "warrior bride." There is a remnant that is arising that says, "We draw the line in the sand, and we have come to stand and fight. We will contend for the cause of Christ, and we will see complete victory." There has been a separation between passivity and activity. Those that sit on the sidelines, making excuses, will be left behind and take a back seat to the army of God that is unapologetic, unafraid, warring in faith and releasing a prophetic sound of victory.

A time of supernatural harvest, joy and fresh anointing is upon us. God said, "He will restore the years" (Joel 2:25). What is recovery? defines "recovery" as "an act of recovering; the regaining of or possibility of regaining something lost or taken away; restoration or return to health from sickness; restoration or return to any former and better state or condition; time required for recovering; something that is gained in recovering." The definition of recovery is good but

with God, it is even better! When God restores something, He doesn't return it the same to you; He adds value to it.

Do you remember when God promised David complete recovery? After the Amalekites invaded his camp at Ziklag, burned it with fire and took captive the wives and children of David and his men, David was grief-stricken and despondent. The men that God sent for him to lead began to talk of stoning him. They blamed him and his leadership for the attack on Ziklag and the captivity of their families. David did what he had always done; he sought the Lord. God said to him, "for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all" (1 Sam. 30:8). God, however, did not stop with just returning their family members to them. He did exceedingly, abundantly more than David was able to think—"And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other cattle, and said, this is David's spoil" (1 Sam. 30:20, ASV). David took the spoils of the enemy. Hear me! You are not just going to experience restoration of what has been taken but also the spoils of the enemy. God is adding value to your recovery.

After a patient has surgery, they are placed in the "recovery room." This is a place where they are awakened from sleep induced by anesthesia. The bride of Christ is awakening from her slumber and coming out of recovery and into possessing the spoils of the enemy. Many of us have experienced what seemed as though everything had been burnt by fire but I boldly prophesy to you, "Get ready for RECOVERY and ACCELERATION!" I tell you just as God told David, "for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all." {eo}

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