

Fight Against the Powers of the Age

Growing up in California, Nebraska and Florida, I loved to play basketball. There was something I loved about the anticipation before a game, the crowd cheering in the stands, the buzzer going off and my teammates shouting and calling my name in the final moments of the game. I can still remember it now.

There were 10 seconds left on the clock, and I had the ball. Sweat dropped down my face into my eyes, and everyone around me shouted: "You've got this Caleb! You can do this! This is moment you've been practicing for!" I toned out the crowd around me and took a breath to find the peace and strength that comes from God alone. It was from that place I dribbled left and pulled up for a 3-pointer right through the net. The buzzer went off shortly afterward, and my team had won the game.

As I reflect on this part of my youth, I realize there is a very similar parallel to what is going on in the world. Right now we are living in an hour where pressure is mounting and building, and there is a heaviness in the atmosphere. We are all on the precipice of a breaking point or a breakthrough. With the delta variant spreading around, and the hopelessness running rampant through the news and social media, many are left in despair. We have the Word of God to stand on and go to in our time of trouble. Psalm 50:15 says, "Then call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory."

I'm not sure what troubles you are facing right now. It could be health problems, job loss, family problems or addiction, but the Lord will rescue you as you call upon His name. Jesus is returning, and we must keep watch and get oil in our lamps.

There is a company of true believers rising who are not falling to the pressures of the world but are grasping hold of the Word of God and standing like David against Goliath. First Samuel 17:26 says, "Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, 'What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes the disgrace [of his taunting] from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he has taunted and defied the armies of the living God?'"

Friends, let us capture that mindset in our hearts, and then we will see nothing can come against us. How dare the pressures of the age and Goliaths of our day come against the armies of the living God. We are a people filled with the Holy Spirit; the same Holy Spirit who broke the curse of sin and the power of the grave, dwells inside of you. The final buzzer will go off; we are in the final moments ticking on the scoreboard. Just like I spent time everyday practicing basketball to grow in the game, we must do this in our secret place. In this episode of *Awaken The Wonder* on Charisma Podcast Network, I share with you my heart on the parable of the 10 virgins and why it is so crucial to be filling your lamps with oil. You don't want to miss it. {eo}

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