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Introduction

This book is about a very important topic, especially in today's world. I am writing this because I have watched so many people be bound by the devil in their finances, in their health, in the soundness of their mind. Plus, I hear all the time people say that there is nothing that they can do about their circumstances and about what is going on in the world.

People everywhere, non-Christians and Christians alike, are giving up because they say what is the use to keep on. It only gets worse. This book talks about what you can do not only to change your circumstances, the circumstances of those you love, and the circumstances that are going on in today's world. And **Yes There Is Something That You Can Do. And This Is a Powerful Thing That You Can Do.** It is based soundly in the center of God's Word.

It is not something new, but it is something that many people neglect to read in God's Word. Sometimes if we aren't careful we will skip over things that we don't understand, or things that are outside of our traditions that we hold from God's Word. That is why it is so dangerous to just settle for certain things because we may be leaving out the very thing that can cut us loose and set us free. This is one of those things. So instead of just shutting your eyes and squinting because you are afraid to

bite into something new, listen close. What I am sharing with you is God's Word.

We are being consumed by fear. It is destroying us. A lot of times, when people can't see something that they can do about what is going on, that is what creates fear. When we know what we can do and we are about the business of doing what we know to do, we are over-comers, not victims. When we are made to feel like there is nothing that we can do, instead of over-comers we become victims and victims are helpless and hopeless. All that a victim can do is just be afraid.

This book will give you the keys and tools to turn from being a victim to an overcomer. The first part will give you an understanding of the powerful things that you can do as a child of God to stand against even the spiritual forces that are trying to take over the world, take over your life, take over your health, take over your finances, take over your mind and heart, take over you children and destroy your families. The second part gives you keys and tools to be able to stand up against the people who are trying to take away our freedom. You can overcome in this battle that we are in. This book will help you you to be able to do that.

God gives us many tools. One of the tools that He gives us is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost which is a powerful tool that will turn your world around. Another such tool is the right to bind and rebuke the

powers of hell. I'm not covering the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in this book, even though it is an important key in being able to bind up the devil. For more information on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost I have written a short book that is available to order on Amazon, and it is available on my website www.freechristianonlinebooks.com. The title of this book is *The Story of Acts and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost*. If you don't have this gift from God, then you really need it.

So continue on and we'll talk more about how to bind up the devil and how to loose blessing in your life instead of defeat.

Chapter 1

Your Authority As A Child of God

One of the best illustrations that I can give to explain what it means to take authority comes from my years of being a teacher/principal in both the public and private schools. One of the lessons that I had to learn early in my teaching years was how to take authority. I learned it in a small public school that actually had grades K-12 in one building. All teachers were required to take turns doing hall duty after school, monitoring the halls while the buses were loading.

I was new at teaching, and I was totally new at having to deal with teenagers. I was new to them, and I was an elementary school teacher, which made things harder. It was beneath them to listen to me. I was nervous at having to tell them what to do, and I was a soft-spoken, mild mannered person, and not a whole lot older than they were which made it even harder to take authority. I had not learned to take authority. I barely had learned how to take authority in my classroom, but my hall duty time was a nightmare. Nobody listened. I was too unsure to take the authority that was mine as a teacher.

Now most of the teachers who had been there for years had no problem with their authority. They knew their place. They knew their rank and they knew how to pull it. Most importantly the kids knew, too. When they walked into the hall, the place would

grow quiet. If there was something going on that wasn't supposed to, it stopped when they showed up. Those more experienced teachers walked in their authority. They were sure in that authority. Later on as I grew in understanding my place and how to take the authority that was mine, when I walked in I had the same affect. It took some time. It also took a little help from God.

One day I noticed a remarkable change in the respect that the older students had for me. I started asking around to find out what the change was. Now this was back in the days before teachers got too educated to use corporal punishment. We were allowed to paddle. I had paddled several of my second grade students. They were an unusual group. It was a group that had been handpicked out of that whole entire grade because they had the most discipline problems.

After I paddled these kids, I noticed a change in the attitude of the older students. One of the students told me that it was because they had heard about how I had taken authority over my own class and it had made an impression. (Before you get off on corporal punishment, bear me out and hear my message about taking authority.) This was the jump in authority that I needed. When I saw that I could take authority, it became easier. When the teenagers saw that I had started taking authority, they listened when I told them what to do. It wasn't

long before my presence had the same affect on these kids that the older teachers had.

Now you may ask what does this have to do with taking authority over the devil. The devil is just like an unruly teenager. You can talk to him all you want to, you can even quote scripture all you want to, it will have little affect until you take authority over him. This comes from knowing your place as a child of God and walking in it. As you grow in your relationship with God, and you grow in understanding of who you are according to God's Word, you will grow in the authority that you have over satan.

Just as I grew in my authority with the teenagers on hall duty, you have to grow in your authority over the devil. You might say you are on permanent hall duty. It is your job to monitor the devil's behavior and see to it that he does not get into things that he isn't supposed to. Keep in mind that God gives you that right.

Now when I started teaching, one of the main problems that I had as a newcomer to the school was that I didn't actually know what all the kids were supposed to be doing, and what they were not allowed to do. I didn't know their restrictions. It didn't help that they knew their restrictions, and they knew that I didn't. They were some of the best little con artists. They could talk me right into my giving them permission to do what they knew they weren't

supposed to do. They could get by with doing things in front of me to break the rules, because they knew I didn't know the rules.

As children of God, we face this same thing with the devil. We often don't know his limits. God has put strict limits on what he can and cannot get by with. For example, if you read the story of Job, you will find out in chapter 1 that for the devil to try Job, he had to get permission from God. Read the whole first chapter. Then reread Job 1:10-12. In this section of scripture the devil tells God that because of His protection, he can't touch Job.

The devil knows the limitations that God has put on his work. The problem is that often we do not. The Bible is filled with teaching about our position as children of God and our spiritual authority in that position. That is why it is so important to know the Word of God. Through God's Word we will find out the rules and just what the devil's limits are as far as what he can do.

Besides knowing what the rules are, to be able to take authority, you have to learn who you are and what rights and privileges you have as a child of God. This doesn't mean that these rights and privileges are based on who you are in the flesh. Many times we get this confused. We think that because we aren't perfect, or super-spiritual, or giant Christians, we don't have any rights as children of

God. Now if we are not committed and submitted to God we lose many of our rights.

For example, the Bible tells us that if we are double-minded, we won't receive anything from God (James 1:8). It tells us that if we are not obedient to God then we lose our authority over the devil. It tells us that if we submit to God, then we can resist the devil and he has to flee (James 4:7). Therefore we know that if we are not submitted, then we cannot resist him and have him flee.

There are certain conditions of heart and life that we have to have to be able to take the authority that God has given us, and to take our position as children of God. But many people are walking so far in condemnation of the flesh, that they can't see that their rights as children of God are not dependent in their strengths or weaknesses. It is dependent on God and His ultimate power. It is dependent on the authority that He has given the church. It is dependent on the authority of His Word.

As a teacher on hall duty, I was a lousy teacher, because I had not learned to take authority. However, my rights and the position I held as a teacher with all the authority that came along with it did not change just because I was a lousy teacher. I was still a teacher, and I had authority, even though I had not learned how to take it. That is the same way with you as a child of God. You just have to learn your position and walk in it. Then when you square

your shoulders back and tell the devil to get off your premises, he has to listen. Now the true test of my hall duty came one day when one of the teenagers had gotten hold of some bad drugs. He meant to do harm to teachers and students alike. I was able to take authority over him. He left the premises. That is how it is with the devil. He will come with the sole purpose of doing harm to you and those you love, and those you serve God with. When you know the rules and you know who you are, you can take authority, and the devil has to leave the premises.

It is my prayer that through these pages, you learn that you can put the devil to flight. You can kick him out of your territory. Now before I go on in this book further, I want to take time to talk about casting out devils. This is our right as children of God to cast out devils. When people hear this they think of only one thing. They think of casting demons out of demon filled people. This is a genuine and very real ministry. I have seen this in our own ministry.

There are people who come to the Lord as new Christians after a life filled with the occult and drugs, and they are possessed. I have seen these people delivered through the power of God. I want to say carefully though that this is not all there is to taking spiritual authority. Every day I have to take authority over the powers of hell who are trying to gain control of my life or the ministry that God has given me, especially in the ministry of working with young people. Especially if you are in some sort of

ministry, you should know what I am talking about. We are in a spiritual battle and we had better learn how to take spiritual authority to be able to win this battle.

The weapons that we have are not carnal which means not things that we can do in the flesh. But even so much more we had better learn what they are and how to use them. If we never learn these things it will be easier for the devil to steal our day-to-day victory, and if we never learn them, he can eventually steal our soul. If we are in a ministry, that battle is compounded by the fact that not only will the devil come against us personally, but he will also come against the ministry that the Lord has given us. He means to keep us from doing that which God intends for us to do.

If you think that you are not in a spiritual warfare and you think that you don't really need all this, then you really need to beware. There is an old saying, "If the devil isn't fighting you, then he may already have you." The devil won't fight you if you are living a compromised life. He will blind you into thinking that there really is no warfare in your life. Look out. You may not be in a ministry, but you are still in a war. All of us are in this spiritual warfare, if we are children of God.

Ephesians 6:12 tells us, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this

world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." I pray that through these chapters you learn to identify the battle, and you learn how victorious you are. Ephesians 1:18-23, "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under His feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all." Amen Amen Amen Amen.

So let's summarize up this chapter. We have been given authority over the devil. We have a right to put him under our feet if we are a child of God (meaning if we are saved) and we are obeying Him and serving Him. We have a right to this authority because we are part of the body of Christ, part of the church.

Chapter 2. Who Is the Devil and What Tricks Is He Pulling Right Now?

To answer this question, I want to talk to you a little about what is going on in the world and in the church right now. There is a battle going on between good and evil, between God and the devil, between God's people and those that follow the devil. It isn't just about the Democrats versus Republicans, or the left versus the right. It isn't just about Americans trying to stay free while others are trying to pull us down and control us. That is all part of it. But what is really going on behind the scenes? Is there more to this than what we see with our physical eyes? And just what can we do about all this that is going on? And how can we keep the victory, how can we stay on top, when it feels like every time we stand up something else comes along to knock us down? And what does all this have to do with what we talked about in the last chapter? Stay tuned and we'll answer these questions, and more.

To get a good understanding about all this we need to talk about the devil. I guess you could say it this way. To be able to fight an enemy you have to understand it. The devil was created by God as one of the chief angels. Even though the Bible doesn't come out and say God created him we know that is so because in John 1:3 it says, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing

made that was made.” We also know that when God made the devil, the devil was good. Genesis 1:31 says, “And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold it was very good.” So what happened? Why did the devil turn out bad. We read about that in Isaiah 14:12-16, “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, *saying* is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms.”

To sum this all up, God created the devil. He was one of the chiefest angels. I have researched this and believe that he was over music. He didn't want to listen to God and do what God told him to do. He didn't want to yield to anyone. He wanted his way. He wanted to be ruler and he didn't want to submit to anybody. Where do I get my information from? Isn't that how he tries to make us to be? I remember when I was allowing him to control me before God came into my life that attitude was one that I took on. Most people who are not serving God--isn't that the attitude they have? When they are not serving God, then they are serving the devil. There are only

two sides and if you aren't sold out to God's side, then you are on the devil's. There isn't an in-between. You are either for one or the other. Why aren't you sold out to God, if you aren't? Usually that is because of that attitude that I mentioned. Isn't that the main attitude which actually binds us up keeping us from serving God?

The attitude of not wanting to listen to anyone or submitting to anyone, not even God, and wanting to be in control is such a dangerous attitude. We have it put in our faces all day long that this is the way to be and to be anything different is wrong. We have a whole culture that is based on this attitude. The devil along with those he controls, those who are trying to take your freedom, have preached this message for many years making it unpopular to stand up for what is right.

You might ask, "How does the devil preach?" He preaches many powerful messages that come at us from all sides. Especially this message that it is wrong to stand up for what is right. It has been preached to us from Hollywood in most of the movies and shows that have been made for years. It is preached to us by teachers teaching the curriculum in colleges and schools across our country that are filled with what we have come to think of as being ideologies from the left wing. It is even preached from the pulpits of many churches where the pastors have compromised and have failed to preach the truth.

I guess you could say that the devil is the original left wing individual. How do I know? Take a look at the first words that the Bible records that he said when he was in the garden. He told Eve that she shouldn't obey God because He didn't really know what was best, she did. Look where that attitude got us. When you see the left pushing this attitude that we are all little gods so why submit to the one true God, then you know who is behind that thinking. The one who started that little attitude in the first place is behind it. (Let me just add a thought here. Why do they push that attitude? If you study history down through the ages, you find that when a country or a civilization began to lose their morality it was the beginning of their collapse and that is what they want to happen. So what about you? If you keep holding onto that way of thinking will you prosper and be healthy and happy or will you collapse as well?)

So what was the result of the devil having his little spoiled temper tantrum to get his own way? The result of that attitude was that the devil and those angels that followed him in his little war against God were kicked out of heaven and they reside somewhere between heaven and earth. Revelations 12:7-11 tells us "And there was war in heaven, Michael (God's chief angel) and his angels waging war with the dragon (satan). The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in

heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night." And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony."

This section of scripture sums all this up nicely. We see who the devil is, then we see how he thought he was going to rule but that didn't work out so good. Then we see how he got kicked out. Then we see how God has given His children authority over the devil. And we know God's plan for him, that one day God will cast him into a pit, and we will go by him and barely look at him and say in amazement, "That is the one that troubled so." That will be because by the time God gets done with the devil, he won't be much. Then we see that we can overcome him and we find out how.

Now this is the next part that I like so much. This is where we read about our authority that Jesus has given us over the devil. Luke 10:18-20 tell us this. "And he (Jesus) said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and

over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” What is the story behind this verse? Jesus had sent some disciples out. They came back all excited because they said in verse 17 “Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.” When they told Him this, He calmly told them don’t rejoice in this but rejoice in your salvation because that is the main thing that we have. Without that we would have nothing.

Jesus told them that we have the authority over the devil. We don’t have to be afraid of him, we don’t have to be dismayed by him, we don’t have to be shook up over what he is doing, we just have to stop and remember that we have authority over him. When we take the authority over him that Jesus has given us, then we can kick his butt instead of having him kick our butt. We are going to talk about this in the chapters ahead and when you finish this book you will have the tools to kick the devil’s butt and give him a harder time than the one that he is giving you right now. You won’t believe the hard time you will be able to give him.

So what does all this have to do with what is going on in our country right now? When we read God’s Word, the Bible, we see that the end of time is getting close. We see that it won’t be too much longer until Jesus comes back in the clouds and His people are drawn up to meet Him. That is called the

rapture. We will get to go to heaven without having to die. We will just be beamed up. Then it is going to get really really really bad down here.

But there is one thing that God promises will happen before that day comes. He promises us a huge powerful Holy Ghost filled revival that will be all over the world. It is God's last final roundup. This will be a powerful revival. Where did I find out about this? It is written about in the Bible which is God's Word. Jesus promised that we will be filled with the Spirit of God and it will be so powerful that we will be able to do the same miracles that He did when He was on earth. We won't do them because we have some sort of power, but we will do them because we are filled with the Spirit of God and that anointing will do it through us.

That is what all this mess that is going on down here on earth right now is all about. It is the devil trying to stop this revival by trying to stop God's people. We have already seen through the scriptures that he can't stop us unless we let him. We have been created to be over him, not under him. We are supposed to have him under our feet, not be under his feet letting him stomp us. The devil knows all this, but he is the very definition of stubborn and he isn't going to go down without a fight. Our job is to stand in the authority that God has given us and call the devil's bluff. Our job is to stand in what God has given us and not allow the devil to take control.

We mentioned that the devil first shows up on the scene in the book of Genesis which is the first book of the Bible. He is what gets Adam and Eve (and the rest of us) into so much trouble. Basically he tricked them out of the very very close relationship that they had with God. He tricked them out of many of the great things that were there in that perfect place God had created for them, and because of that they lost many of the rights that they had. Because they messed up we don't get to have all those things either.

When God punished the devil for what he did, He told him in Genesis 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." To put it plainly his place is under our feet. Romans 16:20, "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen." When God's people begin to stand up and obey God and take authority over the devil, we will have this huge revival all over the world that will change our lives, change our country and change the world. It is already starting in a lot of places. It is starting where people are gathering together and taking their authority over satan.

I want to take a minute to clear something up. When I say taking authority over satan, I don't mean taking authority over him by having some sort of rebellion, a physical war. I can just hear some people saying

that I am trying to incite riots and get people to have a civil war. No that is not at all what I am talking about. I am talking about a spiritual war. But when we take authority we will be standing against some of the things that the devil is trying to do like making us shut our church doors. I believe that this new wave of covid will lead to that. When we take authority over satan, then it will lead to our refusing to give in to the things that are not of God. It will lead to our making a stand.

This is a little bit off topic but it is important to tell this. It is a thought about the revival that is coming. Here is an example of someone who is starting a bit of revival everywhere she goes. There was a girl that was in a doctor's office. The Lord led her to witness to a man sitting there. She was afraid to do that. The whole time she was in with the doctor she thought about that man and how she knew he would still be there when she went out. So when she went out she told the man what the Lord had led her to say. She led the man to the Lord and he was saved sitting there in the doctor's office.

The man invited her to a birthday party. She went and they had revival at the birthday party. Several of his family were saved. Well, all this has her fired up. How did I hear about what was going on with her? There was someone that I have been praying for a whole lot of years to come to the Lord. His Dad told me that he had called him up and talked a long while about his soul and how he needed God. Why did he

do that after years of playing games? Because that same girl that I told you about had felt led to call him and talk to him. That is what we can do when we get filled up with God's Spirit and obey His voice. That is how revival starts. AMEN.

I hear so many people who are giving up. They are saying, "There just isn't anything that we can do. We can't change a thing." And they are giving up without even trying. Well, when you know how to stand up against the devil and you learn how to hear God's voice and obey Him, then there are certainly things that you can do. And when you do these things you will be unstoppable. The devil knows that. So do those people who are on his side who are trying to take control. That is why they are trying so hard to stop the church.

If there was nothing that the church could do, nothing that God's people could do, then why are they so afraid of the church and why are they trying to stop it? They know about this that I have just told you. They know about how the church has authority over the devil and they know about how God makes His people strong and able to stand. How do they know all this? They know it because for years they have been trying to stop God's people, trying to stop the church. They have failed to do so. They know more about the power that the church has than the church does, or so it seems. Have they come against any religions harder than they have come against those that serve the one true God? Think

about that. So keep reading and find out what else you can do to have the victory in your life, in the lives of those you love, and in your country.

So let's do a summary on this chapter. God made the devil and made him good. But the devil refused to want to submit to God and instead he chose to rebel against God and do his own thing. He led 1/3 of the angels in a rebellion against God. God won and kicked them out of heaven. The devil started out smart and turned stupid. Then God gave us authority over him. We have a right to tell him where to get off at. We have a right to bind him up. That is a right that God gave us. Or we can turn stupid and follow him and his mess. Right now the devil is really trying to stop God from having what I call the last day roundup, the last day revival. God's people can take authority over him and stop him. If we do that and we obey him we can be a part of this revival that will change our world.

Chapter 3. What Tricks Is the Devil Pulling On You?

To answer this question, let me give you a little bit of my testimony. I was always hard-headed growing up. And stubborn. I can remember my mom telling me way more than once, “You would argue with a fence post if there was no one to argue with.” This rebellious attitude really took hold of me when I went away to Radford College. That was a huge party school. Because of my hard-headed, stubborn attitude I got into all kinds of things. I got into partying, drinking, and drugs, plus all the mess that goes along with that lifestyle. It didn’t take me long to destroy my life, my heart, and my mind. The sad thing was that I had grown up in church. But that hard-headed stubborn streak that I had eventually had pulled me away from God. We pay for our disobedience.

It took me a good while to get free from all the baggage that I picked up in my wild days. It took a while for me to get delivered from alcohol and from drugs. Now I have heard secular counselors, those counselors who are not Christians, say that there is no way to really get set free from drugs and from alcohol. They say if someone is an addict they will always be an addict. They say that if someone has quit drinking that they are a recovering alcoholic because no one is ever really set free from that. If all you have is the world’s teaching to set you free,

then that is right. But Christians have way more going for them than the world has.

When I got saved and invited Jesus to come into my heart and my life, that was the beginning of a great change. I was set free. I was delivered from the devil that had me bound up in this stuff. I was also delivered from the hard-headed stubbornness that I mentioned. I was no longer a rebel but I learned to yield to the One who had saved me, who loved me so much that He had died for me. I learned to yield to the only One who is the perfect One to follow. Why? Because I learned about that precious love that He has for me and love will break down the walls that rebellion has put up. I learned to trust Him and trust His Word. I learned His Word and I learned what blessings and promises that He had for me in His Word.

When I really yielded to Him, I was delivered. I was set free. When I learned about how I had authority over the devil, then I was able to stay free. Why did the devil fight me so hard? He knew what I would one day do for God. Also, I am God's child, and because he hates God, he hates me.

There was a key that God gave me that helped me to be delivered. When I was first saved, I had a bunch of baggage that I was carrying around from my sin days. I had a lot of devils trying to pull me back and pull me down. I needed something extra to keep me. I found out about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

that I have mentioned before. It truly changed my life. I believe that if I hadn't found out about this gift of God I would have been destroyed. I had grown up in a church that didn't teach about this gift. It comes when you yield your will and your mind and heart, and your whole self to God and ask him to come and fill you up, to Baptize you, with His Spirit. He comes in and fills you up from the end of your hair down to your toenails. I became bold to stand up against what was wrong. The Bible says that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost makes you bold. It is the experience that enabled the early church to stand against persecution. We have the New Testament and the church because they made that stand.

I also received one of the most powerful weapons that you can use against the devil, the gift of speaking in tongues. That is when God prays through you in His own language. It may come when you are praying for someone or for a circumstance. It may come when you are binding up the devil taking your authority over him. You can tell what you are praying in general because God lets you know. When I am rebuking the devil and taking authority over him I know that God is doing that because I can tell that He is really letting the devil have it.

You talk about a powerful prayer. That is the prayer that puts the devil in his place as the loser that he really is. How do we get this wonderful gift of God? We ask for it. Luke 11:13 says, "If ye then, being evil,

know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Now before I was set free, I didn't even see that being set free was something that I needed. I didn't think there was anything wrong with me. Everyone else could see how I was damaging and destroying my life, my mind, my heart and soul. But I couldn't see it. I thought I was just fine. Until that day that my whole life and my whole world came crashing down and I found myself flat on my back. Then there was no more lies, no more kidding myself into thinking I was fine. I was forced to admit that I was not fine and that I needed God and I needed to do things His way instead of my way. I yielded. I gave up and I gave in to Him.

That was the beginning of the greatest things that had ever happened to me in my whole life. That is when I found my Savior, Jesus, God's Son. I have walked with Him for over 40 years and I can say that He has never let me down. There have been times when I didn't understand what He was doing, but in the final say so of the thing, I could say that it all worked out for my good.

So how does this story answer the question about what the devil can do to us? He is the power behind attitudes that we take on like stubbornness and rebellion. Even after I was saved, I had such a rebellious streak that if someone told me to do

something I would do the opposite not even knowing why. He had me bound. God delivered me. He set me free from the spirit of rebellion, the devil that was controlling me. He is the one behind addiction. Not long after I was saved, I was set free from the spirit of addiction, from the devil that was causing me to be addicted. I can remember when that one let go. It was like a cloud lifted that had been covering over me and all the sudden I could see the light shining in.

There are different kinds of spirits, or devils, that can bind people. One that is really controlling people now is the spirit of fear, and anxiety. I am running into lots of people, young and old, Christians and not Christians that are being completely controlled by the spirit of fear. After the first round of covid we were told that we couldn't go to church. Now we can, and the people are still not going, even though they should be refusing to let anybody tell them they can't go, they aren't even going now when no one is telling them they can't go. Why aren't they back going to church? They are afraid. They aren't afraid to go to Walmart, just to church.

So who is behind pushing that fear. And why? How can we have a revival if we won't even go to church? Right now it seems like the devil is winning on that one. That isn't the only thing we are afraid of. We are afraid of covid. We are afraid of dying. We are afraid of other people. We are afraid of what is coming in the future. We are afraid of being

controlled by people that are coming to take over, but we don't even know who they are. We are afraid of losing our finances, of losing our security, of losing our minds. We are even afraid of being afraid. We are being controlled by a spirit of fear. In other words the devil is behind this obsession of fear.

How do we get free from the spirit of fear? First we have to see it for what it is. It is the devil controlling us. How do I know? 2 Timothy 1:7 tells us, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." The Bible tells us that fear is not of God but of satan. And we have the right, we have the authority to tell him to leave us alone. If we settle for it, and put up with it, and we don't take a stand against it, then we will never be set free. First step is making a choice that we don't have to put up with it. It works this way no matter what spirits the devil is throwing against us.

What are some other things besides fear that the devil can bring against us? These are different compulsions, any thing that we feel driving us, something that just pushes and pushes us in the wrong direction, binding us up in things that stop us from serving God with victory. Things like sexual sins, rebellion, strife against others, inability to have self-control, addiction, hate. One of the big things he does is to drive you so that you are like a race horse that has the bit of his bridle in his mouth and nobody can stop you or turn you around from the self-destructive course you are on causing you not to

yield to God. All these things can be spirits that have come against us, little devils trying to control us.

Now I am not saying here that the devil can possess us, that he can completely take us over. If you have been saved, then the spirit of God is in you. The devil can't come into you and take over because God is there through His Holy Spirit. But he can fly around your mind and control you. He can only do that when you fail to recognize what he is doing. He can only do that if you let him. When you recognize what is going on and you take authority, then he has to go away and leave you alone. He is a little like a pesky kid, and he will keep on trying to get by until you mean business and you put your foot down on his head.

Not only will he try to mess you up by bringing these things against you, he will try to mess you up by just messing with you. He will come against your finances by breaking everything down that costs you. Have you ever wondered why sometimes it seems like if it isn't one thing it is another, and another and another that steals your money. Have you ever wondered what causes that? Well, wonder no more. The devil is behind it.

Have you ever been through a time when sickness is taking over your family and those you love? It seems like somebody gets sick, and before they get better, someone else has it. And I don't mean by this that they are all catching the same thing, but that they

are having some other sort of physical problem. Who is behind that? Well I guess now you can see who it is.

Let's talk a little about why the devil does these things to God's people. Discouragement is one of the main things that he uses to stop us. When it seems the whole world is falling down on your head, when it seems like heaven is brassed over and God doesn't even know you exist, when it seems like what is the use to even try, then is when you quit. You quit trying, you quit believing. No wonder he does the things he does. Another reason is that if he can get you side tracked in whatever circumstances he is bringing against you, then you aren't doing what you can do to shake and rattle his little world. You are under the pile instead of over it with his head under your foot. He is so sneaky. He can sneak this stuff in and you think that something is wrong with you and that is why all this is happening and instead of rising up in the victory God gives you, you sink down in defeat.

By now you are realizing as a child of God that you don't have to put up with this any more. You are beginning to realize how to spot the devil who is working against you. When he does this, you can either shrink back in fear, or you can come against him. When he comes against me, one of the first things that I do is to realize that he must be coming against me because I am important to God's work either through something that I am doing, or

something that I will do to shake his kingdom. I actually take it as a compliment. If the devil is fighting you, then you must be someone special and he is actually afraid of you. So stomp on his head.

I want to close this chapter up with a couple of very very important thoughts. You cannot fight the devil if you have not been saved. All of the tools to fight him that we are going to talk about coming up are only available to God's kids. To be God's kid, you have to be saved. To be saved you have to pray and realize that you have a lot of sin in your life (things that you do that are against God and His Word). You have to repent of those things and be so sorry that with God's help you won't do those again. You pray and ask Him to forgive you of everything (and you know that He will because He died on the cross to forgive you). You acknowledge Jesus as God's son. You accept Him as your Savior. You ask Him to come into your heart (and He really does, and you can feel it when He does). He comes into your heart to work on the inside to change the outside of us. We sing a little song that says, "Jesus on the inside, working on the outside, bringing a change in our life". When He comes in, there is a change in us and in our life. It may take a bit, but when we learn to yield ourselves to Him, He brings about a change in us and in our lives.

There is another thing that is important to know. If you are double-minded, wishy washy, if you can't make up your mind whose side you are on, then you

can't stand against the devil. Another way to say it is if you don't stand for something, then you will fall for anything. If you are seeming like you are serving God on Sunday but on Saturday night you are hanging with the devil's crowd being just like them, then don't try to fight the devil. He will not take you seriously.

The Bible calls this being double minded and it has this to say about that. James 1:6-8 says, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." This is one of the ways that we can actually walk right into the devil's territory and hand him the keys to control us. We will talk more about this in a chapter coming up ahead.

God has given us bunches of things to use to fight the devil. He has given us some prime tools to be able to stomp on the devil with. We will talk about those coming up in the next chapter.

Chapter 4.
Tools God Has Given You
So You Can Stomp On the Devil
Instead of Him Stomping On You

Every good soldier has to know what weapons they have and how to use them. Your weapons are more powerful than the weapons that are on those new bombers that they have. It is even more powerful than the nuclear weapons. Think about this for a minute. If you have a nuclear weapon, could you stop the enemy that is trying to take over the world? Could you really? It is so spread out in so many different parts of the world, what could you really do physically? But we can take down his kingdom by taking down the thing that is giving them power. Here is one example of how it works. They are controlling us by fear.

When we refuse to let fear control us, and we stand up against the devil that is bringing fear against us, then we rise up above his control and we rise up above their control. Then we do all we can to tell God's people how to rise up as well. Then little by little we will take back our country for God. That is just one small example. In other words we are standing against the devil as individuals because we want to keep our personal freedom from the mess he brings against us, and we are also standing against him to keep the freedom that God has given all of us in our country. In other words Matthew 18:18 says it this way. "Verily I say unto you that

whatsoever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever you shall loose on earth will be loosed in heaven," When we pray on earth and bind the devil then changes take place where the devil rules, and those changes will come about on the earth.

You see this is a battle on earth but that is a reflection of what is going on above us. There is a battle that is being waged between the spirits that are aligned with the devil (demons) and the spirits that are aligned with God (angels). In Daniel 10, Daniel was going through some things. God came on the scene and told him that He had been delayed in coming to him because of a battle that was going on. God said he called Michael (the chief angel) to come fight and He got through to Daniel. We can see from this that there is a war going on.

I believe there is a war going on in the heavens right now that is bigger than it has ever been because there is so much at stake. What we do can shift that war. If we are busy praying and taking authority over the devil, if we are busy obeying God and allowing His Spirit to move in our lives and if we are busy reaching out to others and obeying God, then we can shift this battle over to God's side. God will win, but what we do influences how soon this will happen. As for me I am determined to do all I can do and be all I can be to help this thing get over fast. AMEN. How about you? (Just a side note here. Do you know that all of God's kids have a guardian angel

whose job is to take care of us. How special does that make you? That angel stands with you protecting you against evil. Do you have to be afraid of the devil?)

So it is important that we make a stand. To do that you have to understand the weapons that God gives us. Like I mentioned earlier, it isn't physical weapons because we aren't fighting a physical war. Instead it is spiritual. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 says, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds)"

Not to change tracks on you, but let's talk a little about our armor that God has given us to protect us from the enemy, then we'll get back to our weapons. The Bible talks about it in Ephesians 6:11-17. I am going to add some notes to this scripture to explain some things. I will put my notes I've added in parenthesis. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth (our loins is the bottom part of your trunk and your thighs which is the strongest part of you.

You protect this with truth. You stand in truth. The truth of God is your strength. That is why it is important to always know the truth of God because it will set you free. Lies and false teaching won't.), and having on the breastplate of righteousness (Your breastplate protects your heart. Righteousness is doing right things and being a right person in God. If you allow sin to control you, then your heart is not covered with the breastplate.); And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (Soldiers have to protect their feet. Where are we marching. We are marching to spread the Gospel of peace); Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. (Our faith is the thing that shields us, that keeps us from being harmed by the devil.) And take the helmet of salvation (Salvation protects our mind. Jesus is in us when we get saved. His Spirit is inside our mind guiding us and teaching us, and giving us thoughts of victory when we fight the enemy.), and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (The Bible is what we fight against the devil with. It tells us about all our weapons that we have. It tells us that about the authority that we have over the devil. It tells us everything we need to fight. It even tells us our need to fight. It is our sword)."

So that is our armor to keep us safe from the enemy, the devil. Here are our weapons. I am going to list them out in a list and tell about each.

1. God's Word is your main weapon. In your armor, it is the only weapon that is listed. In God's Word you learn who the devil is and the tactics that he uses against you. You also learn how to stand against him. You learn how God has given you authority and you learn how to use that authority. You learn the weapons that you have and how to use them.

That is why it is so important especially in today's world that you take time to read and study God's Word, the Bible. It is also important to do what it says. In one respect it is like any book. For example, you can read the best diet book in the world, but if you don't do what it says you won't lose one pound. The Word of God is powerful. The Bible tells us that once when Jesus was tempted of the devil who was trying to pull Him down, He answered everything that the devil said to get Him turned around with the words, "It is written." In other words when the devil tried to get him turned around, He answered that God's Word said this isn't so and God's Word says that this is true instead. God's Word stopped the devil. We have to know God's Word to use it against the devil, but when we learn how to do that, it works. For example, if the devil is attacking us in our finances, we can say "God's Word says that He prospers us even as our soul prospers." That takes that battle right out of the devil's hands.

Now I mentioned earlier about how the devil can win if we don't know our rights as children of God. If we

don't know those things that we are entitled to as God's children, then it is easy for the devil to slip in and take them. Matter of fact, it is in God's Word that we find that we have that authority over him. If we haven't read that, then we don't know that. We'll talk more about this in a chapter coming up.

2. The name of Jesus is a powerful weapon. There were many times in the Bible that the disciples bound up the devil in the name of Jesus. When I feel the devil coming against me, I say "Devil you are bound in the name of Jesus." At the name of Jesus the devil has to run. He may be a little stubborn though and come back, just like a pesky kid does. But then when we have had all we can take and we get serious and we take authority, he has to flee.

3. The blood of Jesus is another powerful weapon. If we have confessed all our sins (and we know we have if we do this, when the Holy Ghost convicts us of our sin, we repent of them), then the blood of Jesus covers us. Revelations 12:11 says how we can overcome the devil, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony". When the enemy is pestering me, I say, "The blood of Jesus is covering whoever or whatever I am praying for. I especially do that in these covid days. Every day I pray that the blood of Jesus covers me and my family, our church family, those people who are a part of our ministry. The blood of Jesus protects us and shields us from the devil and his mess and lies.

4. In this section of scripture I wrote out in the last section, Revelations 12:11, you can see another weapon that we are given to overcome the devil. It is the word of our testimony. What we say is so important. The way we talk can actually give the devil victory over us. If we are always talking negative things then we will get negative things. If we are always talking faith, then we will overcome the devil.

For example, I knew someone who for years kept saying she had cancer. I really wasn't surprised when she found out one day that she had it. Another example, if you have a physical ailment and all you can talk about is all the symptoms of that, then don't surprised when those symptoms get worse. What we confess we get. What we dwell on we get. Another example, if we dwell on covid and that is all we fearfully think about, we will get it. If we dwell on how God has given us victory over that, how we can dwell in healing, how God's Word gives us victory over covid, then we won't get it.

5. We have mentioned earlier about this gift. Praying in the Holy Ghost, praying in tongues is one of the most powerful weapons that we can have. There is a gift that God has for us that is called the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. When we get saved, we have a portion of God's Spirit. When we receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, we are completely filled up with His Spirit to the brim. The gift of the Baptism of the Spirit comes with a gift that is called speaking

in tongues. When we pray, God's Spirit begins to pray through us in His own language. He is using our voice to pray, but He is the one doing the praying.

Talk about a powerful prayer. It is a powerful prayer in all of the things that we are praying for, but it is especially powerful when God's Spirit prays through us binding up the devil. He gets bound. To find out more information about the gift of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, you can read my book titled *The Story of Acts and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost*. You can find it on Amazon. Be sure it is the one that I wrote. Or you can find it free to download from my website www.freechristianonlinebooks.com.

So with all these weapons we can't lose. When you know how to fight the enemy, it is actually easier to win than to lose. You have that much going in your favor. With all that, how can you lose. We have covered the weapons you can use. Now let's talk in the chapter coming up about how to fight. In Ephesians 6 that we talked about earlier we see these words, "...having done all to stand. Stand therefore...". (The little dots show that there is part of this scripture that I have left out because it didn't have to do with what I am talking about at this time.) We need to learn where the territory is that God has given us, and then stand on it because it is ours given to us by God's Word.

Coming up next we are going to talk more about the weapons that God has given us to fight this battle we are in. We will talk about how to fight and how to win. Then we will talk about ways to lose.

Chapter 5. The Power of God's Word

I mentioned briefly about how the main weapon that we have is God's Word and I mentioned how it is important to know God's Word to know your rights and the authority that you have over the devil. Plus, when we know our promises we can keep the devil from stealing things that are rightfully ours. I want to add something here. I am a King James Version Bible advocate. It is the oldest version of the Bible and it has been changed a lot less than other versions. Matter of fact, lots of the other versions of the Bible have been based on the King James version which was the first official English translation of the Bible.

Most of the versions have come about because people began to think that the Bible was too limiting in its teaching. It didn't allow people to freely do what they wanted to do without conviction. In other words, they changed it because it wouldn't allow them to get by with whatever they wanted to. Now we are seeing finally how dangerous those changes have been. Many of these versions have left out the blood of Jesus, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues, and our authority over satan. Many of them definitely left out conviction. They left out the teaching of sanctification, the teaching that God's Spirit can clean us out from the inside out. Some of them even left out teaching about Jesus being the only begotten Son of God. If it isn't written

in the Word of God, then we aren't taught and ignorance can lead to destruction. So which spirit is behind these translations? Do we really want to hear that. It is the truth that will set us free. John 8:32 says, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." If it isn't the truth, then how can it make you free.

We as Christians often face the same problem in spiritual warfare. We look at ourselves in the natural. We see our weaknesses and failures. We fail to see ourselves in the way that God's Word tells us that we are. We fail to see our position in God and we fail to walk in the authority that is given to us because of that position. We also fail to recognize the devil's position. We fail to realize that his position is planted squarely underneath our heel. (Genesis 3:15, *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*) Often this is because of our ignorance of God's Word. This may come because we have not been taught these things. God's Word is filled with scriptures that tell us both our position in God and the devil's position as well. Here are some things that God tells us about who we are in Him. Read it as it is written. I put each statement in this form where you read "I am...." Say it and mean it when you read it. These are your promises. Lay hold of them

1. I am a living Son of a living Savior. (I John 3:1, *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath*

bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God....)

2. I am His inheritance destined to be one with Him as He is one with the Father. (John 17:21, *That they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*)

3. My inheritance is to be able to do all the things He did on earth and more. We can not only receive our healing, but we can seek God that we be given the gift of healing which comes through His Spirit that dwells in us. (I Corinthians 12:4-11, *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God, which worketh all in all. But the manifestations of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom: to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.*)

4. I have the keys of death, hell, and the grave that were given to me by my elder brother. (Matthew

16:19, *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*)

5. I have a God given right to be victorious in my life. (I Corinthians 15:57, *But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*)
6. I have a right to be in health and prosper even as my soul prospers. (III John 2, *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prosper.*)
7. I have been given victory over death. (I Corinthians 15:54, *...Death is swallowed up in victory.*)
8. I will **eternally** inherit the blessings of God. (John 5:24, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my Word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*)

We have to learn to see ourselves according to God's Word. If we are committed, submitted, and obedient children of God, then these things are true. Read these things over again in a personal way putting your name in the verses. I (your name) am a Son of God. Read them all this way and believe

them, because they are the Word of God and the Word of God cannot lie. Read them everyday. Read them when the devil brings doubt, condemnation, and self doubt. Read them to the devil. Do like Jesus did, and use the Word of God against the devil. God's Word has a way of doing away with the devil's lies.

We can spend all day looking at our weaknesses, our failures, our past, our sicknesses, our problems, and our flesh. It would be much better if we spend our time with our mind submitted in the Word of God remembering the verses that declare our victory and our rights as the children of God. We can spend all day looking at our weaknesses, or we can remember to submit these to Him so that He becomes our strength. (II Corinthians 12:9-10 *And He (Jesus) said unto me, "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.... for when I am weak, then am I strong.*) If we concentrate on our flesh and our weaknesses, we deny the power of the Word of God to work in us. We deny the Holy Ghost Who is inside us. We deny Jesus Christ, Who is our only hope of glory. (Galatians 2:20, *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*)

We need to stop seeing our flesh, and start seeing Jesus in us. We need to stop concentrating on our weaknesses and begin to see the promises of God's

Word. God is not a liar. His word is not a lie. These things are for YOU!!!! We need to know who we are in Him and stand up and claim our God given authority.

These things that we talked about in the previous paragraph are not things that we can see in the natural. To accept the work of God's Word, and the things that it promises, we have to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh. These are not things that are based on who and what we are in the natural, but who we are in the Spirit of God. They have little to do with who we are in the natural. We are required to be committed and submitted. We may be very imperfect. We may be just rising up from being the biggest failure in the world, no matter. If we are trying to obey God with all our heart and we are God's children, then we have a position in His love. We have a position in His kingdom.

This position comes with authority. Read this section of scripture found in Ephesians 1:17-23. Verses 22-23 summarize the section. *And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.* Condemnation and discouragement are two tools the devil often uses to come against us to cause us to lose authority. When we walk in the Spirit and we take God at His Word then we realize that our position and authority is based on who God is, not on who we are, then we move to a place of victory

even when it seems like the devil is winning. And we will win.

This part of this chapter comes from my book Promises From God's Word. God's Word is our main weapon that we have against the devil. We have promises that God has given us. When we know our promises we can stand our ground and not let the devil steal these things away. There is one thing that we need to carefully remember. Many of God's promises are conditional to our obedience. One such promise is found in Isaiah 1:19, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land..." That means that if you aren't willing and obedient then you won't have good things.

There are promises for when we Need Abundance, Need Answers, Need Armor, Need Comfort, Feel Confused, Feel Condemned, Need Confidence, Need Counseling, Need Courage, Feel Darkness Around You, Face Death, Need Deliverance (Freedom), Feel Depressed, Feel Discouraged, Are Doubting God, Need Encouragement, Need Endurance, Have Enemies, Are Afraid, Are in Financial Trouble, Need Healing and there are many many many many more promises. These things that I have listed come from the Table of Contents for my Promises book. In that book, I have put several verses for each one of these things. Those are just a few of the promises that we have. We can stand against the devil when you stand in the promises of God.

I want to close this chapter by telling about someone that I led to the Lord. At the time, I didn't even know that I had led her to the Lord so I surely can't take any of the credit for it. There is a website that talks about how science proves the Bible right. For example, God told Job were you there when I called forth the springs out of the ocean floor. It hasn't been many years ago that we found out that there were springs coming out of the ocean floor. So if God didn't say that, then how would that writer that wrote that know that.

Another example is when the Bible talks about the earth being round. Until Columbus' day, they thought the world was flat, so if God didn't tell the writer of that section of scripture that it was round, then how did he know it? Another example is Jonah wrote about the mountains on the bottom of the ocean. If God didn't tell him then how would he know that to write about it thousands of years ago.

This website is full of things like that-over a hundred of them. (By the way this is a really cool site. You can find all this great information at this site at www.eternal-productions.org/101science.html). I go over this site with the students. I was going over it with her daughter. I didn't realize it but this person hadn't been around the Bible much. She was so impressed with what I told them that was evidence of God and evidence of His Word being real. She began to study it with all her heart. She was so hungry for truth. She told me later that she had

found the answers to so many questions that she had. God's Word led her to salvation.

Now when she talks about the Bible she calls it THE BOOK. She talks about it all the time in about every conversation she is in. It has changed her life and she recognizes it and honors it as such. She has read it and read and read it. Shouldn't we give God's Word the same recognition and honor and time that she does? I just want to add that if we make time for reading God's Word, then our life will change so dramatically that we will have more time because the confusion, and strife, and bondages of our life will fall away and we'll have time. Coming up we'll talk about another one of the parts of God's armor.

Chapter 6. Faith

In the armor that we listed that was found in Ephesians 6:11 we saw that there is a shield of faith. Faith is the thing that will shield us from the devil's attacks. Ephesians 6:2 says, "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." One definition for faith is F(Forsaking) A(All) I (I) T(Trust) G (God). How do we spell faith? Forsaking All I Trust God. Faith is depending on God to get you through whatever comes. Another way to define faith is an old saying that says, "God said it. I believe it, and that settles it." Hebrews 11:1 defines it this way, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

There are 2 parts of faith. One part is when we know that we know that we know that God will keep His Word. The longer we serve God our faith grows. When we look back and see the things that God has done to answer our prayers, and when we look back to see how when through God we bound the enemy and God's things were loosed, it is easier to believe because we have seen all this work. Another part of faith is this. We may know that God can do these things, but we may not believe that He will do them for us. In other words, sometimes we see it like this. We know God can, but will the do it for me? We have talked about our rights as a child of God so when we

feel this feeling know who it is coming from and bind the devil that is the author of that doubt.

We hear a lot about child-like faith. I have prayed many times to have child-like faith. A child doesn't have the capacity to think like we do. Children just trust us to be able to do great things. They don't think that away. They just take us at our word when we tell them that things will be OK. Even if we don't know how it will happen. They trust us. I think one thing that makes them to be that way is that they can't do anything about anything. They are too small. Aren't we? Aren't we really too small to take care of most things that we face. Without God, what can you really do about most things. My mind gets too much in gear. It sort of runs away at a minute's notice if I don't watch out. I think too much. I think away God's Word and His ability to do. I get carried away in the "what if". You know what I mean. What if this happens, what if that happens. So what if it does. God can take care of that too. Have a child-like faith.

So what about those times when it seems you just don't have faith. First of all, when you feel that way, remember this scripture in Romans 12:3, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." God has given you a measure of faith.

Even when you don't feel like you have faith, you still do. Faith is not based on our feelings. It is based on how God feels and God feels faithful. Faith is not based on what you see or on the circumstances that are around you that you see. Faith is based on what you don't see. It is based on those unseen things that are above it all. Faith isn't based on who you think you are, but it is based on who God is.

There was a time when the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith. Matthew 18:3 says they prayed, "And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith." I went through a time when it seemed like the devil was just beating on me. I was coming out of a battle just to go right into another one. I was so tired. God showed me what was going on. He showed me my shield. It was really beat up and banged up. The battle had really affected my faith. Plus, I had been too busy with everything going on to read my Bible. Also, I hadn't had time to pray in the Holy Ghost. The Bible tells us that both of these build up your faith. My faith was weak. He told me that I needed to start doing those things that I neglected. He told me that He would build my faith as well. When my faith was built up, the battle stopped because I was able to make a stand.

I love the story of Gideon. God spoke to him and told him that He was going to use him to set Israel free from the Midianites. You can find his story starting in Judges 6. You get the feeling from his story that he was a farmer. He told God that he

couldn't fight because he knew nothing about it. I think that is why God chose him instead of choosing someone who was a warrior. A warrior would have told God how to do it. Gideon knew he couldn't so just obeyed God and trusted Him. Gideon told God that he couldn't do it because his family was the weakest one and he was the smallest in his house. After God spoke to him an angel told him the same thing. He appeared to him in a miraculous sort of way. Still he asked God for a sign. God did a miracle to answer that prayer, and still he asked Him for another sign. God did another miracle.

This account mentioned several times that Gideon was afraid. You probably would have been afraid. The Midianite army was so huge that they couldn't be counted. When Gideon gathered together the Israelite army, God sent everybody home except for 300. They were very outnumbered. God knew that he was afraid. He didn't tell him off and send him home. He did an amazing thing to build his faith.

The night before the battle God sent Gideon down to the enemies' camp. He was hiding outside of some of the tents. He overheard a conversation. One man told another about a dream that he had. The other told him what the dream meant. The Bible said that his friend replied: "This is nothing less than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has delivered Midian and the whole camp into his hand." Can you imagine how that built up Gideon's faith. He was ready to lead the Lord's army with victory.

He was ready to obey God. He did and God did and the battle was won. God will built your faith. By the way, they didn't have to even fight. They obeyed God and did something that I am sure seemed silly to them. But because they obeyed God, the enemy became so afraid of them that they chased them away.

Chapter 7. How To Fight

When generals are planning a war they know that there are 2 main tactics. One is offensive and one is defensive. You may recognize this from football and other sports. Well, this may sound kind of strange but the fight against the devil is a defensive fight. We don't have to fight for our territory. We just have to defend it, to hold it and keep it from letting the enemy take control of it. God has already taken the territory. He has already given us our territory. We just have to hold it.

So how do we find out what God has given us? There is so much stuff that there is no way that I can list it all here. Matter of fact, there is so much that I wrote a whole book about it. It is titled Promises From God's Word and you can find it either on Amazon or you can download it free at my website www.freechristianonlinebooks.com.

There are amazing things that God has promised you in whatever situation that you might find yourselves. There are promises that will encourage when you are afraid, when you face death, when the devil attacks your finances, when he attacks your family, when he attacks anything, there are promises that you can stand on. Just do like Jesus and tell him, "Devil, it is written that I have these promises" and quote the scripture to him. Then tell him to leave you alone in the name of Jesus. In other words we

don't have to go on an out and out war with the devil. We just have to know where our territory is and stand there. And God has already given us that territory so we know it is ours. How do we know? God's Word says so.

A couple of things that we have to guard against is that when we stand against the enemy that we don't become afraid of him. He is like a terrorist. The terrorists use fear as a weapon to control us. The people who are trying to take our freedom are using fear as a weapon to control us. The main thing that they are using is the fear of covid. Someone said the only thing we have to fear is fear itself, and that is so true. Fear will cause us to crumble up and give in even though we have every advantage there is if we will just stand up. It is the same in God. The devil tries to use fear to control us. He will talk to our head until we are afraid to go out of the door, let alone go to church. He will intimidate you until you forget all you ever learned about your authority. Don't be afraid. Remember that fear comes from the devil. When you feel a crippling fear trying to control you realize who it is and stand against it.

Another thing that we have to be careful is not to concentrate on the devil but on God. Let's use another example from what we are going through as a nation. The news makes us concentrate on all the negative. If we aren't careful we will forget the powerful God that we serve. We will forget what a powerful Word that He has that gives us the ability

to rise up and take authority against the enemy. All that bad news will cause us to forget the Good News of God's Word. We will forget all about how to fight the devil. Fear paralyzes us. It also makes people stupid. There is no other way to put this. Fear will make people do stupid things that causes them to be easy targets. I hear people say all the time things that they are doing, and I think surely you aren't doing that. That makes no sense. Why are they doing that? Because they are afraid and fear causes us not to have a sound mind.

This is a story that talks about how we can become intimidated and let the devil win. (Which also applies to this physical enemy that is trying to take control.) I want to tell you the story of David and Goliath. It is found in 1 Samuel chapter 17. Israel was at war with the Philistine army. They were at a standoff. There was a giant of a fellow that stood up on a hill over the battle field and he taunted Israel making fun of their God. He told them that if someone would face him in battle and they won, then Israel would win that war. But if they faced him and lost, then the Philistines would be winners.

David was too young to be at the battle, but he took some food to his brothers who were there. When he heard that giant making fun of God, it made him angry and he made the statement Is There Not A Cause. The giant had intimidated the army of God making them afraid and they forgot that they were standing up for God and that He would fight for

them. David didn't let that giant intimidate him. Instead he remembered all that God had helped him do (fight a lion and bear bare handed). He knew that God would keep His Word, His promises to him. He faced the giant, obeyed God, and he found out that giant wasn't as tough as he talked. He wasn't as tough as he looked. He wasn't as big as he seemed when he went with God.

Don't let the devil intimidate you and don't let those people who are trying to control us and defeat us with fear intimidate you. God is still God. He is high and lifted up and He is in control. When you go with God and you listen to His voice and obey Him, you will win. It may be that the devil will look for a time like he is in control, but when all is said and done and God does His thing, we will know who is over it all.

I want to give an example here of how we often have to fight for a healing. I have an auto-immune disorder that attacks my joints. Especially the joints in my hands. The devil has tried for years to use it to stop me from doing a lot of the things that I do for the Lord. Sometimes it will get to the place where I can't even stretch my fingers out straight. I had gotten so bad that I couldn't use a computer mouse without putting an ice pak under it because I was in so much pain. It also affected my knees where I have trouble getting in and out of my chair,

I was at a tent meeting and the pastor there said, "Reach out for healing for joint problems." I reached out with my heart and claimed that healing. The power of God was moving there in waves. I would get up out of my seat and sit down, get up and sit down, because the power of God was coming in waves and it would just bring us all to our feet. I was up and down stretching up my arms and hands praising the Lord when I noticed that my hand was completely straight. Then I thought about how I was getting up and down out of my chair, and I remembered how a couple of days before I had to get someone to give me a hand to help me up. Wow.

God had healed me. It wasn't a couple of days later that my hand started bothering me again. I knew who was behind that. I bound up the devil who was trying to steal my healing. Then my knees started bothering me again. Now I could have given up and said, "Well, I guess there was nothing to that." But I remembered how this had happened before and how when I took authority over the devil that I loosed my healing. I got out scriptures to read about healing and that encouraged my faith. I prayed in the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues and I knew that God was binding up that devil. Every time I noticed my hand bothering me I would make a fist (I hadn't been able to do that before my healing) and shake it in the devil's face and say this healing is mine. I take authority over you and you won't steal it from me. When my knees started bothering me I would do

something like marching around the house that I couldn't do before. I refused to let the devil steal what was mine. Guess what? Since that time I have written this book typing it out as I write it. Plus I did a bunch of other projects. We can't let the devil steal our healing and he will try to.

One thing that the devil did to fight my healing was that for a while he kept me in habits that limited my healing. I had not been doing certain things because I couldn't. I hadn't been doing a lot of extra typing limiting myself to what I had to do for my job and that was a lot. I had limited my walking because of the pain in my knees. I hadn't been to Walmart in months because I couldn't walk through the parking lot, let alone go to the back of the store. After my healing touch, I would start to do some things, but I would automatically out of habit think, "I can't do that". Then the devil would say, see there, you weren't healed. You are no better off than before. The devil was stealing my healing. I didn't stop to think about what was going on.

God started goading me to step out of that habit zone that I was stuck in. He put things before me to do that stretched me to the limit. When I did those things, I began to see how much better I was. I was doing lots of things that I couldn't do before. Like I shared earlier I wrote this book since then. When I came to my senses, figured out what the devil was doing, and took authority, the devil had to stop hindering my healing.

Another example of how to fight the devil has to do about a time when he was determined to put some bad stuff on me. God warned me about it and delivered me from it. I had a eye doctor's appointment. As I was walking into the office, God told me that the devil was going to use this doctor to try to put macular degeneration on me. I'll explain what I mean by that in a minute. I was familiar with macular degeneration because a close friend of mine had nearly gone blind with that disease. At the time God said what He said, I didn't really know what He meant. (This is a good example of why it is so important to obey God when you are fighting the devil.)

The doctor did all his little tests, then he turned around and said, "You are showing some signs of macular degeneration." Well, you could have knocked me out of that chair with a feather. I didn't say anything in answer to him, but I started binding and rebuking the devil taking authority over him because I knew who was behind it. I didn't melt down in fear. I didn't receive it in my spirit. I stood against it. He paused for a minute and said, "Let me run this test again." When he did, he said, "Well, that is odd. That is gone. Not sure what happened."

I knew what happened. I really believe that if God wouldn't have warned me before the doctor said what he did I would have given in to fear and the devil would have had me in his territory. The end result could have been my being blind. I didn't get ill

with the doctor because I knew who was behind it, and I knew how to stand against him and hold to my territory.

Another example of how to fight the devil is another example about standing for healing. When I was writing this, I thought about how all the examples I am using are about healing. I thought about how that may be because it seems like our health is really under attack. The devil is attacking the Christians' health to stop us during this crucial time. But we don't have to take it and give in to it. We can rise up over it and attack him back. Here is a very timely example.

When covid first started, I admit that it scared me senseless. Then I got a grip on that because I knew that couldn't come out good. Fear would put me right in to the devil's territory. Every time I got a little sore throat I would freak out. Then I would get a grip on that fear. Every time I heard the news, I would start panicking. Then I would remember God's Good News, His Word, and I would come back to my senses again. Every time that I would hear about someone dying, here that fear would come again. But I would think about how God was in control not the devil, and if He wanted to take me using covid, then I would go, but if it wasn't my time then I would stay. Well, I am still here. This battle with covid has been mostly a battle against fear. That is the devil. I stood my ground which was healing. That was my

territory that I refused to let the devil take. I used God's Word to do that.

We got a summer off from worrying about covid and we were rejoicing because it was over. Well, here it is back again and seemingly worse than ever before, and it seems it doesn't matter whether you had a shot or not (which is really strange-don't you think so?). Fear is back rearing up his ugly head. Before you start panicking remember all those times that God protected you. Do you really think that it was all that hand sanitizer and wipes that shielded you. Really?

If you got covid before and God brought you through it, then why be afraid now. You already found out how God would get you through. You have built up an immunity of 2 kinds. You have built up an immunity in the flesh, and you have built up one in the spirit. You have built up an immunity because of the faith that you gained from facing that territory, going through it, and winning. You know more than others what God can do. Trust Him. And stand against that devil that tries to bring you fear. Stand against that devil that tries to bind up God's promises from working in your life.

I want to close with an important lesson in fighting the devil. Be filled up with God's Spirit and be yielded to His Spirit so that when the Holy Ghost rises up in you to pray, you will pray. Maybe the devil is working against you and God sees it but you don't.

The Holy Ghost will rise up speaking in tongues and binding the devil and his trap he has set for you is stopped. Or it may be that you will be praying for someone else who is in trouble. I have prayed in the Spirit not knowing what I was praying for just knowing that it was for a certain person. The next day I would find out what had happened and how God moved in their behalf. There have been many, many times though that I didn't even find out what I was praying for, but I know that prayer was answered? Why? Because the Holy Ghost prayed it.

Also a key to this will be for you to be willing to move out of your comfort zone. Maybe it will be in the middle of the night when the Holy Ghost moves on you to pray. Be willing and put your whole heart into the prayer. The more that you obey God in this kind of prayer, the more He will use you. These are the prayers that totally change people's lives and change our world.

We have talked about how to win. Coming up next-how to lose.

Chapter 8.

How To Lose By Going Into the Devil's Territory

I want to give you an illustration to show just what I mean by this. We'll use Israel as an example. Constantly throughout the Old Testament Israel would start getting cozy with their neighbors who for centuries had been their enemies. They would start being best of friends with them. Then they would start serving their gods which were false gods, just statues made of gods. Serving some of those gods demanded a great sacrifice. For example, to worship the god Baal they had to sacrifice one of the children.

All they got out of serving those gods was a lot of heartache because they weren't even real. When they were living in the enemies' territory, walking with them, giving up their beliefs for them, then the enemy would show its true colors and come after them and conquer them. That is what happens when we give up our ground and give in to the enemy. That is what happens if we as Christians start compromising with our beliefs and we stop making a stand for what is wrong and right. There is an old saying, "If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything" and that is so true.

If you compromise with the enemy, with the devil, and go along with his mess, then you won't be able to make a stand against him and you will be conquered by him. The end result of that will be that

you will follow him all the way to hell where you will reside in torment forever. Don't take my word for it but take God's Word. Matthew 25:41 talks to those who were not His children, those who had chosen to follow the devil instead of Him, "Then shall he say to those on the left hand, depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and all his angels." We are going to talk about some ways that we can move into the devil's territory.

Here is one example. There is a scripture that is written for those people who don't make a stand for God. James 1:8 says, "For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." We can move into the devil's territory when we become double minded. When we can't make up our mind which side we are standing on.

Another way that we can move into the devil's territory is if we choose our way over God's way. We talked about that earlier as being what the devil did that got him kicked out of heaven. When we start thinking and being like the devil, then we have no right to make a stand against him. That won't work out well at all.

Another way that we can live in the devil's territory is when we just give up. When we do that, we give in to whatever the devil is doing and that makes everything worse. We might say, "This is all too

much. I can't deal with this." Then we shut our eyes and go on our merry little way and refuse to do anything that we really know we should do. That is such a dangerous way to live. What is really sad is that we know better. I know you know better because if you are reading this, then you have read this whole book-almost. Not doing anything about it is sort of like being an ostrich with you head in the sand. You forget about your behind sticking out when you do that which makes you huge target.

Another way that we can move into the devil's territory is when we allow sin to control our life. If after God convicts of our sin, we refuse to repent and we begin to make excuses as to why we have that sin, and we never repent and give it to God, then we have no business standing against the devil. We can't do that because we are already giving in to him. Why should he listen to us.

Another way that we can move into the devil's territory is when we forget that precious love that God has for us. John 3:16 talks about that love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That happens when we fail to fellowship with Him. We get so busy that we don't have time to spend with the One who gave His Son so that we can fellowship with Him. Psalms 149:4 says, "For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people...." The devil can get us on what I think of being that little wheel that they put in

a hamster's cage. You get on that thing and you can run yourself to death and not get anywhere. He just herds us along in our little rat race and we don't have time to pray, to fellowship with God, to read the Bible, to hear God's voice and obey Him. And we wonder how our life is in such a mess.

If I am not careful I can get so busy doing for the Lord that I neglect to spend time fellowshiping with Him and loving Him. There is something so messed up with that. I am a busy person. Meaning by that I am always busy, always working. It is hard for me to sit still. I went through a time not long ago when it seemed I couldn't get caught up on my work. It was like climbing a sand mountain, I couldn't get to the top.

We were in our school registration time, and people were coming out of the public schools right and left (praise God, it is about time people saw what was going on there). I was working most nights until 9:00 and getting up the next morning about 7 and going back to it often without even taking time to eat. God showed me that the devil was driving me. You see, our church is on the verge of a great happening that God has promised us about for years. God is starting to send people in. I was so stretched out and tensed up that I wasn't concentrating on the main thing, allowing God's Spirit to move in what I was doing, and obeying Him, and reaching out to those who were coming in to the school.

God chastised me about that and showed me that the reason the devil was driving us was to cause us to miss doing what God wanted and the ultimate reason he was driving us was to kill us with the stress that he was creating. He was doing this to stop what was coming. I stood against the devil, taking authority over him. I centered myself in the peace of God. I start my day now by praying and fellowshiping with God. Not by being driven by the devil. I have seen some miracles happen in people's lives because of this. I am so glad that God let me know that I had moved into the devil's territory and how to get out.

Another way that we can move into the devil's territory is if we allow the devil to condemn us. Conviction comes when God is convicting us, letting us know that we are failing in some way. Like when God convicted me, chastised me when I was letting the devil drive me. If He hadn't convicted me, I would have let the devil destroy me and what I was doing for the Lord. The base of conviction is love. God loves us so He corrects us. If He didn't love us, He would just let us go our way until we destroy ourselves.

Condemnation is something that the devil does. The difference in the two is that conviction is love, condemnation is the devil hating us, wanting to destroy us. One builds us up and the other destroys. Condemnation is when the devil hammers you with all the things that you have ever done wrong. He

brings up the things of the past that you have been forgiven for, that you aren't even doing now. He will cause you to dwell on things that you have done wrong to the place that you feel defeated and give up because he makes you feel that you don't deserve any of God's promises. He makes you feel too defeated to be able to stand against him. I have even had the devil to give me dreams about me doing things that I wouldn't do, and when I woke up I felt condemned. He will even come against you in your sleep.

When he begins to condemn you, call his bluff. Remind him of John 3:16. Remind Him of all the scriptures about God's love for you. Remind him of Romans 8:1 that says, "*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Another thing that I do when I feel the devil's condemnation, I run to God. I don't let the devil separate me from God's love, but I run to Him. When He draws me up and I feel His precious love, that chases condemnation away. Then I can move out of the devil's territory into God's.

Another way that we can move into the devil's territory is by forgetting God's benefits, forgetting all the times that He has moved in our behalf, forgetting all those times He answered our prayers, forgetting all the times His Word worked, forgetting all those times that He enabled us to bind the devil. You see, when we remember all those things that encourages

our faith. Many times when I remembered how God moved in a similar situation to the one I was facing, that gave me a boost of faith and I was able to push on past the enemy. If we aren't careful we will begin to concentrate on the battle, on the problems, on the circumstances going on in the world around us, and this will push out of our mind those things that build our faith. The devil is very clever in how he can redirect our mind. We have to be mindful of his tactics and keep him from doing that. Let God be God instead of the circumstances and problems. Let God be God instead of the devil. Keep your eyes and your mind and heart centered on Him.

Another way that we can move into the devil's territory is if, like the disciples, we get on a power trip. When the disciples first figured out that they could take authority over the devil, they ran to Jesus all excited about the power that they had. Jesus reminded not to be thankful for that, but thankful for salvation. I know a lot of people who have learned to take authority over the enemy. They get proud because they can do that. They more or less get on a power trip and run around all self important. That never turns out well. Especially when they find out the results of their prayers.

I have had times when the Holy Ghost would move on me to pray. I would be praying in tongues and know that I was binding the devil, but I had no idea of what I was even praying for until during the course of everything the Lord showed me. I would

know that I was praying for healing to be loosed for that person and I knew that I was binding the devil who was literally trying to take their life. In my natural mind I would wonder why I was praying for them because I knew that there was nothing wrong with them. At least I wouldn't know until the next day when I heard that they had nearly died the day before. God knew. I didn't. But that didn't matter.

Now I could have got proud about the fact that God had used me to more or less save someone's life. When I would start to feel that way, I would think to myself just what did I really do. I just yielded. If God hadn't prompted me to pray at the time when He did, if the Holy Ghost wouldn't have prayed the prayer, if God's Word hadn't been at work, if God hadn't given me what I needed to do all those things, then what would the outcome have been? The outcome would have been death. It is sort of like a glass of water. Yes, the glass holds the water and the glass is the outlet that the water comes to us through. But never forget' what use would the glass be without the water?

Another way that we move into the devil's territory is when we begin to fight the devil in the flesh instead of in the spirit. There are 2 realms. One is the flesh. It is a natural world the world that we see and experience in the flesh. Then there is the spiritual realm where God dwells, where the angels and demons and the devil live. As humans, we have a flesh part and we also have a spiritual part. Paul

said in 2 Corinthians 12:2 that he had been caught up and taken to the third heaven. (There are three regions of heaven. The first one is the sky that we see when we look up. The second one is outer space that we see through the telescopes. The third one where God dwells, the heaven that we will one day inhabit, is a region beyond space.)

Paul said that he didn't know if his body was caught up or if it was just his spirit, he didn't know for sure. From that we get an understanding of our flesh and our spirit part. When we fight the devil, we fight him in the spirit not just in our flesh. Sometimes because of the circumstance I am in I will be praying and binding devil but I won't be saying a word out loud. I will be silently praying. But the devil can hear me loud and clear. Why does that work, because I am fighting him in the spirit, not in the flesh.

There have been times when devil filled people have reached out to do me harm. They were way bigger than me in the natural. There was no way that I could pound them in the dirt, because they were too big. They came at me to hurt me. All I could do was to take authority of the devil that was using them. I bound him in the spirit and it stopped those people cold.

It was like God put a wall around me and they could only get so close to me before they ran into that wall. I remember one girl saying in a man's voice, "Why can't I touch you?" I knew why. The spiritual

war that I had waged erected a spiritual wall that was like a natural barrier that stopped this girl physically.

That is the difference in fighting in the spirit and in the flesh. We can't wage this war on our own in the flesh. We stand in God. We take authority based in His Word, not based in anything we have in the natural. We take authority based on the blood of Jesus and the name of Jesus, not because we are anything but because He is Lord of all. We have nothing to fight the devil with, but through Him and in Him we have more than enough. If we try to fight the devil on our own in the flesh, then we just move into his territory because we will surely lose.

Most of all remember that when we do the things of God, that He is in us helping us. He doesn't require us to do things that we can't do. He enables us to do everything He asks us to do. He enables us to keep the victory. He enables us to obey Him. He enables us to serve Him. When we are walking with Him, it is easier to win than to lose. As long as we stay out of the enemy's territory.

Another way that we can live in the devil's territory is if we spend most of our time obsessing about him. If we dwell on the devil and what he is doing, then it is like he becomes our god instead of God. When I was a young Christian, I made that mistake. I was so busy looking for devils that I saw the devil more than I did God. Concentrate more on the wonders

and blessings that God has for you, on following Him and obeying Him and the you that brings, on all the promises that He has for you. Concentrate more on the One Who is Lord of all than on the one who is the loser.

Another way that we can live in the devil's territory is when we spend so much time there it becomes home. How do we do that? When the music that we listen to and the habits that we have that fill our time up are based in the devil's territory so that we don't have time for God, prayer, or for God's Word. When we spend so much time on our phone or computer listening to things that are not God's things that we don't have time to fellowship with God. When we are so busy in the drama on Facebook that we have no time to witness to others. Or you may be so caught up in listening to all the garbage on the news that you neglect to take in God's Good News.

You see there are many different preachers. The devil has his preachers and God has His. These preachers are letting their agenda be heard. The world's preachers are pouring out the message that the devil gives them. When they pour out their mess into your mind and heart, it can weaken you and if you neglect God's messages, you can be pulled to the side, side tracked and too weak to stand. Stay out of the devil's territory.

Another way we can more into the devil's territory is when we curse ourselves with the things that we

say. When I say curse I don't mean cuss. I mean curse like when someone puts a curse against you. You can curse yourself when you are filled with negative thinking and negative talk. I knew someone who for years said that they knew that they would have cancer. It wasn't any surprise when they got it. There are some people that I don't ask how they are doing because it takes an hour for them to go through all their ailments from their toenails to their hair. They delight in dwelling on their illnesses so much so that they will never be healed. One day their illnesses will kill them.

There are many people who can't speak positive things. This pulls their faith down. Also, we can't allow other people to curse you. Have you ever had anyone say something like, "You won't amount to anything." Then every time you try to do something for God you hear that echo in your head and you give up before you try. There are many different ways that other people can put things in your head like that. When someone tells you something and it has the affect of tearing you down, then know that the devil is behind this and rebuke him. That way you can avoid a loser mentality and you can stay out of the devil's territory.

Another way that we can move into the devil's territory is if after we make a stand and we do everything right, it seems that it just isn't working. Then we give up and walk away and say, "I knew there wasn't anything to all that to start with." God

will keep His Word. Isaiah 55:11 says, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." God will keep every Word that is in the Bible, it will all come to pass. God will also keep every Word that He speaks to your heart, every promise that He gives you. He is faithful. Deuteronomy 7:9 says, "Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations."

I have served God for over 40 years. I can say without a doubt in my mind that every promise He gave me whether it was in the Bible, or a promise that He spoke to my heart, He has kept them all (except for those that are coming). He has never let me down. We have to remember that there are 3 ways that God answers our prayers. Some of them He answers right away. Some of them we have to wait for. Some of them He says no to.

There have been many prayers that I prayed that I waited for the answers to, and they didn't come. It would shake my faith when it turned out that way. But in the long run I was very, very, very glad that they weren't answered the way I thought they should because what He did was so much better than what I thought needed to happen. Matter of fact, there have been many times when if my prayer had been

answered I would be hip deep in troubles and problems.

Sometimes we have to be like the woman in Luke 11 starting in verse 1. This was an example Jesus gave his disciples about how to pray. I'll sum it up. There was a woman who went to her neighbor's house in the middle of the night to borrow some bread because she had company come and didn't have anything to feed them. The neighbor told her to go away, because it was in the middle of the night. She just kept beating on the door and yelling until he gave up and knew that the only way to get her to go away was to answer her request.

Sometimes that is the way we have to pray. And in addition to that, it is definitely the way that we need to go about binding up the devil. As far as praying, we need to keep on putting that request before God, not giving up on it until we see it done. As far as binding the devil, we need to keep on binding and rebuking him until he gets the message and leaves us alone. Ephesians 6:13 tells that when we have done all to stand, stand therefore. When we have done all to stand against the devil, keep standing.

We have some extensions of our college that are in Mexico. We had mailed a package there that had the degrees and transcripts for over 60 students. Sometimes the mail is not very dependable. The package didn't arrive. The woman over the college agreed in prayer with me that it would arrive. We

have to depend on the mail to get the packages to our colleges all over the world. We have done this for over 20 years. I told her that I remember only one time when the package didn't arrive. That encouraged my faith when I remembered what God had done in the past. I knew that the devil and probably someone who worked for him was keeping the package from being delivered. We began to bind that devil. I kept praying and believing it would be delivered. Every once in a while it would come into my spirit to pray for the package.

The head of that college and I stood together in agreement and that is important to have when you are standing against the devil. The Bible says that 1 can put 1,000 to flight but 2 that are standing in complete agreement can put 10,000 devils to flight. One day I called to check on the package and it had arrived. It had been way over a month since it had been mailed. We have no idea of where it went, who had it, what the delay had been but at that moment none of that mattered. It just mattered that those precious saints that had worked so hard to earn their degrees had them. You just can't give up.

Another way we move into the devil's territory is when we start settling for things. The devil will sneak things in on us and we accept as normal. For example, he may come against us to steal our finances. We accept it and say, "This is just a sign of the times. We may as well get used to it." The devil comes against our health. We accept it and

say, "This is just a sign of the times. We may as well get used to it." WRONG. God hasn't gone anywhere. His Word hasn't lost its power. Your rights as a child of God haven't gone anywhere. If you accept this mess, it will take you over and destroy you. We don't have to settle for things just because the rest of the world is having a hard time. God's people are lifted up above the rest of the world because we are God's children. We need to know who we are in God.

We are not much in the flesh, but in God we are mighty. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 says, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;)" We need to know the things that we are entitled to as children of God (even during this crazy time we are in). We need to know our promises and refuse to settle for less. Remember my book I mentioned Promises From God's Word from my website. It is full of scriptures that list your blessings and rights as children of God. You can lay hold on these things. These are yours. That is your territory.

Closing

I want to close this section of the book with this scripture which is actually 2 prayers that Paul prayed. The first prayer is found in Ephesians 1:17-23: "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

Paul prays another prayer that is found in Ephesians 3:14-21. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the

breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Second Part of the Book
*How To Fight The Devil
and Win*

This part is titled

Standing Your Ground

This part of this book talks about what you can do to stand up against those who are trying to take our freedom so that you can hold onto it. Our freedom is dear. I know it is dear to you. You may think that you can't do anything to hold onto it, but there are lots of things that you can do. This next part of this book tells what you can do and it will strengthen you to be able to do those things.

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Introduction

After I wrote the book *How To Fight the Devil and Win*, the Lord started dealing with me about continuing on to a second part of that book to write something that I have titled *Standing Your Ground*. I have heard people ask, "What can I do to stand up for my freedom? What can I do to protect my rights?" This part of the book talks about how to stand up for our freedom against the enemy that is trying to steal it and how to win. Yes, there are things you can do and this will discuss many. Some of the things that we can do are spiritual. We have talked about how to take your authority to stand up against the powers of hell that are behind what is going on. This part of the book will talk about other spiritual things we can do and we'll also talk about physical things that we can do.

I want to make something clear before I get started with this. When I talk about physical things that we can do, I do not mean that I advocate starting a war. There are many reactionary groups who are advocating this. God has led many groups to go to war to protect their rights and freedoms. This has happened down through time. But that is not what He is leading us to do right now. I don't want anyone to get it in their heads that I am advocating this. I know how things are going right now. People take what is being said out of context and start a big mess with it. That is why I want to get this settled up front that this is not what I am talking about.

Aside from that there are many things that we can do to make a stand. Read on to see what you can do.

You might ask me how I have gotten the information that I am writing about. You are right to ask that. We see so many lies, so many things that are put on the internet to promote individual's agendas, or they promote the agendas of one group or another. But you see I didn't get the understanding that I have about the thing that are going on from the internet. I have gotten it from certain circumstances that I have experienced and I have gotten it from God who for many years has revealed all this to me. For over 40 years I have watched this unfold.

My first experience with communism came when the Lord sent me to Russia and Romania. Communism had fallen in Romania in 1989 and in Russia in 1991. I was there just a couple of years after communism fell. I spent several summers helping to start Christian Schools. Also the Lord, through a miracle, worked out an opportunity for our team to meet in a prestigious college with over 200 public school teachers who wanted to know how to put Christian principles in their classrooms there in place of communism. We held a week long seminary for them.

While I was there, many people there told me that what they had was coming to America and they gave me many glimpses of how this would happen. One

eye opener came when I was so excited about the results of this seminar that I was anxious to be able to do the same here in the US for our local teachers. When I got over my excitement and got in reality, I realized that there was no way that our state schools would welcome me to come to present anything remotely connected with the Bible.

From this, I could see so clearly that what my friends had told me was a reality. For over 40 years I have watched things unfold to what we see now. I confess that often I would think that I was just a reactionary, an extremist in how I thought. They were so sneaky in what they were doing that often I thought I was just wrong and I was overreacting. That is what many people told me anyway. Until God pulled the covers off, and it was obvious to everyone what had been going on. It was then that I understood all I had seen for all those years. So you see, I didn't get this from the internet, but I got it from my experiences in my life.

I want to go on from here to talk about how we can make a stand against those people who are trying to take away our freedom.

Part 1

Know Your Enemy

I got the idea for this chapter from the movie titled, "War Room". It is a wonderful power packed movie that talks about how to fight the enemy. It starts out by the key person in the movie saying that in any war for one side to be able to effectively fight against another side and win, the first thing that must be done is that each side needs to study and understand their enemy. We can be sure that those people who are trying to take over have studied our weaknesses for years, and have made a step by step plan to take over using those weaknesses. Here is how we can turn this against them. We have to study them and find their weaknesses.

The Lord gave me a dream one morning that was so profound. From that dream, He gave me this part of this book. In this dream I saw a group of people who were totally controlled emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. They had no real feelings, just watered down emotions. They were feeling what they were told to feel. They were thinking what they were told to think. They were believing what they were told to believe and the things they were believing were lies. They were not questioning anything because they were made to believe that it was wrong to question. They reminded me of the walking dead. They were just existing somewhere between being alive and dead. I asked God who those people were. He showed me that these are

the people who have given in to the control of those who have been carefully working their plan out for many, many, many years.

I will first put what the walking dead are like (what those who are trying to take control, and the people who are being swallowed up in their lies are becoming). I do this by discussing each trait one at a time. I will put what they are like in that area, then I will put what God's children are like in respect to each trait.

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

Their leader is ultimately satan and those who are deliberately serving him to gain his power and those who have given into their control.

God's People

Our leader is Jesus, the Holy Spirit who guides us directing us, and the Word of God giving us power.

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

The main motivation of satan who is controlling is to use people, at whatever cost, to destroy them for his own gain. The people who are trying to gain control are the same as their ultimate master. There is no love, no concern for others. They masquerade around pretending that they are so concerned with everyone as individuals, so concerned with

everyone's rights, but they are not. You can see it by the things that they do. We see this from knowing that they manufactured and released a virus to be able to control. Whether the release of that was intentional or not, the making of it was intentional and their motives were clear.

God's People

The motivation of our leader is love. God sent His son to die so that we could be saved and come to walk with Him. Because of that, He has our best interest at heart. Jesus Himself said that He is the Good Shepherd and he knows and loves His sheep. John 10:1-5, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." He is our Good Shepherd and it is His love that leads us through it all. It is His love that even gives us our reason to live.

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

Their motivation is to control by what ever means they can use. They have carefully and methodically worked for many years to control us.

God's People

Our motivation as Christians is to stand up for our freedom, our rights as children of God to serve and worship the one who we love, standing for Him. Our motivation is standing up for our freedom because that is what God gives His people. John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free ye shall be free indeed."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

There is no right or wrong. Each man is his own god. There are no moral absolutes, and there are no absolutes whatever. There is nothing to guide, nothing to hold to bigger than what they are. They have no sense of balance. Nothing to motivate them except their own emptiness because they have turned against anything that gives them morals or guides.

God's People

Christians seek to have moral values, a sense of right and wrong that is given to us through the conviction of God's Spirit and the leading of His

Word. We seek to be more like Jesus who sets our moral compass. The Word of God gives us standards to live by set up by God who knows what is best and what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." If we as men and women of God walk in His Word, then we are thoroughly furnished to do good works. They have no morals, and they are not able to make a stand and do good works.

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

They seek to take, to take advantage of the weak even though they say they are for the weak, they use the weak to their own advantage. They use everyone to their own advantage. Instead of serving they control.

God's People

Christians have servant hearts seeking to serve others in God's love to the point of self sacrifice following Jesus. Philippians 2:5-8 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in

fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

There is no real sense of identity. Everybody is expected to feel the same, and think the same and be the same. If you really truly think outside the box, then you will be persecuted and ridiculed for that. That is one reason why they have such a problem with Christians. The people who are being absorbed by their teaching are conditioned to be that way and they really don't see that.

God's People

God's Spirit and His Word give us a sense of identity. God is so amazing. He knows each of us even knowing the number of every hair on our head. He gives us each an individual identity creating us all different. He enjoys individuality so much that no two people that He has ever created down through time are exactly alike. He relates to each of us as individuals, but through the anointing of His Spirit He is able to unite us together as one body in him.

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

They have no solid foundation. They say that they have. They say that they have religion, but they are against religion, and against God's Word, they are against anything that gives a true foundation to

anyone because they cannot control us if we are built on a strong foundation. So part of what they do is tear down the sure foundations that people build their lives on that give them true substance.

God's People

We have the Word of God as a foundation that has been settled to be true through the ages. It is nothing new, but it provides us a steady sure foundation. We are not built on sinking sand but on the solid rock foundation of Jesus Christ our Lord. We can have faith in this foundation that holds us up. We don't have to waver. Matthew 7:24-27 illustrates that we are built on a solid foundation that will last forever. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

These people do not have real love but what I call a warm fuzzy feeling that is not real love. They don't have meekness, but a controlling attitude. They have strife instead of true longsuffering. They don't have any type of temperance which is self control. They don't have true peace because only God can give true peace. They control people's true emotions

so that they are not able to feel strongly about anything unless it is their agendas.

God's People

God's love is real. The fruits of the Spirit of God are real emotions. Romans 8:22-23 lists the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, meekness, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. These are the emotions that we have a right to feel as fruits or qualities of God's Spirit who is in us. These illustrate God's traits. His emotions are true emotions. For example, His love was so great He sent His Son to die for us. God sharpens our emotions, not dulls them.

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

They leave people being squashed down feeling like they are dying inside and eventually not caring whether or not they live or die.

God's People

God's Spirit and His Word renew us and quickens us every day making us alive. John 6:63, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." God renews us constantly. He doesn't deaden us. Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your

mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

They leave those that follow them without hope for things ever being better because they become disillusioned by broken promises and false dreams.

God's People

Having hope, peace, and joy in God. Romans 15:13, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

Always spreading lies.

God's People

Having the truth. Psalms 119:160, "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* forever." Jeremiah 10:10, "But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God..."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

They leave those who follow them without anything of real substance to hold to. They strip them away from everything that really matters leaving them with no real guidance or sense of direction.

God's People

God's Spirit and Words guide them and give them wonderful things to hold on to that have real character building substance. These are things to hold to. Psalms 19:7-11, "The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

Having darkness.

God's People

Having light. 1 John 1:5, "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

Having no peace and being consumed with fear which is what they use to control us. This leaves them with minds that are not sound. They have been so controlled that their ideas and thoughts are not their own, and because of that they do not have sound minds with good

sound thinking. One example of this is how the political leaders that they control do such stupid things.

God's People

Having a sound mind with sound thinking. 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

Being empty inside and void of God's love and His Spirit and mocking the very thing that will fill that emptiness. Having no real purpose

God's People

Being filled with the fullness of God and all that brings to our lives. Ephesians 3:17-20, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

Thinking that they are making a difference and changing things for the better, then finding out that everything you have stood for was built on lies and deceit leaving them disillusioned and defeated.

God's People

Making a change in the world around you and in the lives of the people you love through God, His Word, and His Spirit. Making eternal changes in your world and in the lives of others through obeying the one who can lead you and use you to make a huge difference. We read in 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

Having no hope for tomorrow. Having no hope for forever. Following an eternal loser.

God's People

Hope for eternity because we follow an eternal winner. We even know that we don't have to fear death. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Their Qualities, Beliefs, and Thoughts

Being blind. Thinking that they are getting by with the things that they are doing and able to fool everyone.

God's People

Seeing it all with eyes wide open knowing the lies from the truth and seeing the things that are hidden. Hebrews 14:13, "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Luke 8:17, "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither *any thing* hid, that shall not be known and come abroad." 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

An Added Note: I want to close this chapter by talking more about thought control and how it works. I have done some research about this. One of the things that they use is changing our language, changing the words that we use. To illustrate this, I want to share something that I got from a document that was written to illustrate the way that government agencies were instructed to refer to certain things. Here are a few examples. Instead of Lockdown they were told to call it a Stay at Home order which minimizes what it is. Instead of Covid Mandates they were told to call it Protocols. Instead of Covid they were told to call it Pandemic. Instead of

Hospitalization Rates, they are instructed to call it Deaths (which is a real eye opener). Instead of referring to the Government they are instructed to call it Public Health Agencies. Instead of Your Right to Get a Vaccine they say Vaccines to Keep You Safe (and it has been proven not to be that).

There was a huge list of this sort of thing. I have only put a few things down here to illustrate what I am saying. When our language is changed, then they are able to change how we feel about certain things. We become less sensitive to things that are majorly important. One example is how they call a Lockdown a Stay At Home Order. The words used cause us not to feel so bad about that. Also, when language is changed people get conditioned to feel certain ways about certain things. Then people get clobbered for saying the truth.

People come against them when they call things like they are. Then when that happens, you feel bad about creating controversy because "no body is supposed to do that, that is not the thing we are supposed to do". Then we go on from that to stop thinking certain things. Then we aren't able to see what is coming, what lies up ahead and we are blind-sided. We are made to feel that standing up against what is going on is wrong just by changing the words that we use. That is only one example of how thought control works.

Ezekiel 3:17-19 tells us that we as Christians are called to be watchmen. "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the

wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." We as children of God have the ability to see the truth, we have the power to stand up through God's Spirit, we have the wisdom to be able to know what should be done through the leading of God's Spirit. To me it would be a great sin for us not to obey God and make a stand when so much is depending on God's people.

We need to understand that we cannot over-estimate this situation. For years we have ignored it and put our heads in the sand while the enemy kept advancing. When people stood up for the truth they were dismissed as reactionary, conspiracy theorists. Then when people who stood up in the wrong way who were really way out there in what they were doing, they were focused on and made examples of. Through that we were made to feel that those who stood up were like those people. So those who were standing up just shrunk back. We were manipulated for many years in that way. It is time that we rise up and stand up for our rights. It is time that we obey God and make a difference.

I wrote the characteristics of the enemy because we need to see what the enemy is like and what they are really doing. In contrast to that I put our strengths as children of God. When you read our strengths, I know that you were strengthened because that is what God's Word does. You may have started to realize that you have more power than you are made to feel like you have. They specialize in making us feel like losers, like victims. They make us feel like we are so overwhelmed

with what is going on that we can't do anything about the situation. They have us chasing our tails and running around and around like a gerbil on his wheel and we get nowhere. After reading this, do you realize the qualities you have as a child of God and how little they have. Don't let them be in control of all you are in God.

They are the bullies on the block. They are the bullies that use intimidation and fear to torment the little kids, until one day the little kids figure out that if they join together and make a stand, they can whip the bully and chase him off their block. We can do that you know. In God we can stand and do exactly that. We can do that without having a war. We can do that just by making a stand. The bride of Christ is mighty. We will talk more in the next part coming up about what our weapons and our assets are and then we'll see what we can do about it all.

I want to add a footnote to this chapter. Seems like I can't get out of this chapter. We saw little glimpses through many years about how the government was starting to make laws to mandate what is right and wrong. These are called hate crimes. I got the definition of hate crimes from Wikipedia. "Hate crime laws in the United States are state and federal laws intended to protect against hate crimes (also known as bias crimes). Although state laws vary, current statutes permit federal prosecution of hate crimes committed on the basis of a person's characteristics of race, religion, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation and/or gender identity." On the surface, this looked good. In a world that enjoys warm fuzzy feelings, that looks great. But there is much more to this than what it looks like.

Anytime that the government decides how we should feel about certain things that is so very, very, very dangerous. Through these hate crimes, they have tried to prevent us from making a stand against what we feel is wrong. This was done in a brain-washing way so that we didn't realize what was happening. When you make a stand against things you feel strongly about, we were told that was hate. Standing up was made to feel so wrong.

Why did the government want us to stop making a stand for what we believed was right and wrong? Because they were beginning to take control, and they wanted to condition us to feel that it was wrong to stand up against them. You see, there is an old saying that if you don't stand for something, then you will fall for anything. That is so true. The thing that can reveal all this to you is when you wake up and realize that the government actually mandated how we should feel and think.

One of the institutions that the government came against more strongly than any other institution was the church. What did the church do? We backed up on what we were teaching because we became afraid to make a stand. At first we felt bad about doing it, but it wasn't long until in our minds it became the right thing to do. We changed His Word to meet this stipulation. We took the altars out of our churches when we stopped allowing the Spirit of God to bring conviction. We stopped teaching our children about what it meant to follow God and hear His voice. We paid a dear price for that when they broke our hearts by the life-styles they chose. In most churches today, they don't even know what it means to make a stand for what is wrong and right. They don't even know what is wrong and right.

They silenced the mighty voice of the church by doing all they did. That was their plan all along. We need to wake up and rise up church. We need to say "NO MORE". We need to join together as one mighty voice and stand up against those things that are coming against God's people. We need to be aware and see and we need to know that we can do something about what is going on. And we need to rise up as one body in Christ and do what the Lord leads us to do. We need to get back to His Word. We need to allow Him back into our churches and back into our lives. He can lead us to the freedom that His Word and His Spirit can bring to us all.

Part 2

Our Weapons and Our Assets

The main weapon and asset that we have is that we are on the winning side. If you don't believe that you are a winner then get out your Bible and read the book of Revelations. In 2 Corinthians 2:14 we read, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ...." We will win. It doesn't matter how bad that they make things look, we will win. They are true magicians, masters of illusion. They make things look a certain way so that we give up and stop trying and give in. We have to remember that we are on the winning side and if we yield to God's Spirit and let Him lead us, He will lead us to victory.

We have to know what is going on. God has a plan and He is working out His plan. We may not see all of it. Isaiah 55:9 says, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." We won't see and understand all of what He is doing, but when the work is finished, we will definitely see where He has been. We can't look to the network news to see the Good News. We have to look to Him, His Word, and the leading of His Spirit. We have to discern the truth out of the lies. We have to keep our mind in victory mode, because that is what faith is all about. They try to steal that victory that we have. Keep your eyes on Him and off of what it seems they are doing. They are liars. Remember their father is the father of lies. Also, most importantly, remember that God has the final say so.

Remember that all over the world there is a mighty gathering of people coming together as the body of

Christ. We are not outnumbered. We are not the minority. In 1 Kings 19, Elijah was going around saying poor me, I am the only one left serving God. God rebuked him and told him that there were 7,000 in Israel who had not given into serving Baal. Don't feel isolated. Remember that we are part of the bride of Christ and that is a powerful group of people. When we unite under the leadership of the Holy Ghost and we move as one body, that is a powerful force indeed. Ephesians 1:19-23 tells us how powerful we are, "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." I think that I have listed this verse several times. I started to change that, but I know the power that we can find in this scripture so I have left it for you to read several times.

Another great asset that we have is the knowledge that the Spirit of God and the Word of God leads us. We are part of a mighty body, the body of Christ. God is the head of this body. He is leading each one of us to do a part, and it may seem that the part that we are doing is small. But when you see it from God's point of view, He sees it all. When you put the little part that I am doing with the part that you are doing, with the part that each one of us is doing all over the world, that is huge. We can accomplish great and mighty things individually when we are filled up with the Word of God and we go forth in His

anointing. But you have to also see this as being a part of what God is doing around the world, leading each of us to work according to the plan that He has made. Never, ever, ever, underestimate what you are doing in and through God. It may seem like He has asked you to do something that seems so small. You wonder how that can make a difference. Do it.

When He says do it, do it. He has a reason why He has asked you to do that thing. He sees the big picture. It is like a huge puzzle and each one of us is putting a piece at a time. We will get it done. Also, if God asks you to do something that seems too big for you to do, be a Gideon. Rise up in spite of your weaknesses and obey God. He will ask you to do something that you can't do because He will enable you to do whatever He gives you to do. Through His anointing you can do whatever He gives you to do. Your job is just to obey Him. Leave the results up to Him.

One of the only ways that we can stand for freedom is if we are free. Our freedom from sin and bondage that destroy us enable us to be good warriors for Christ. Think of all the weights that most people in the world have, especially the people that are following after those people who are trying to control. They are drunks, sexual perverts, given to lusts of all kinds, you name it and they are in it. That is not a good army in either the natural or the spiritual sense. If you are in God, then you have been delivered from all those things. When you have liberty in Christ, then you can really stand up for your liberty. We have been called out for a purpose. We read about that in 1 Peter 2:9, "But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye

should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

One of the reasons that we can stand up with greater strength than the strength the enemy has is because we are standing for something that is very dear to our hearts. We have counted the cost and we have found that our freedom is precious and is worth standing up for. When America first entered into the Revolutionary War, everyone who saw them fight were amazed that such a little bunch of people could stand against England and win. At one time England had colonized a huge part of the known world at that time. We took them on when we had very little assets and very little military know-how. But we were able to whip them when most of the world mocked us for even trying.

Why were we able to do so? They were able to do so because they were fighting for things that were dear to their hearts: their homes, their families, their rights, their freedoms, and the country that they had forged. They held onto those things that were dear. We are holding on to the things that are dear to our hearts. That will also give us the strength to stand. Another thing that strengthens us is God's love that is in our hearts for the down-trodden, the suffering, the weak and those in need. God's love makes a lion out of a mouse. It causes us to be bold in our obedience.

Two of the most powerful things that we have on our side is the Word of God and the Spirit of God. Isaiah 55:11 says, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it." Remember, God's Word is so

powerful that when He spoke He created everything. God's Spirit is powerful as well. Zechariah 4:6 tells how we can accomplish great things. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." God's Word and His Spirit enable us to rise up in His strength and do mighty things if we yield and obey Him. With all that going for us, how can we lose?

I am reminded of several things. I am reminded of David and Goliath, the walls of Jericho falling, the Hebrew children walking around in the furnace of fire not being burned, the Israelites at the Red Sea when it parted and they walked across on dry ground. None of this happened because those people were exceptional, because they were perfect, or because they were anything at all. Those things happened because those people went with God.

Another powerful thing is that we are walking in the light, not in darkness. We can see where we are going. We aren't walking in darkness and hiding in darkness like they are. We are walking in truth and not in lies. That is key as well. We are also walking in God's Word. One example is this. God's Word says many times that in the last days we will have an outpouring of God's Spirit that will be more powerful than any outpouring that has ever been. We know through His Word that there will be a huge revival. When you know this, you know that the enemy won't be able to stop that revival.

That outpouring of God's Spirit has started. So I know that it is coming, and I know that they won't be able to stop it. God's Word has given me that insight that I need to keep my faith up. They will be defeated because God will have His will. Part of what is going on is that the devil

is trying to stop that last day outpouring of God's Spirit. But He has nothing to stop it with. Who says? God and His Word say. When you know God's plan and you look for that with faith knowing that it will come to pass, that gives you strength to stand no matter what it looks like.

I believe that this outpouring of God's Spirit will turn the tide. God's anointing will make a huge difference. When it is poured out in the huge way God is going to pour it out, it will stop the enemy in their tracks. We have talked before in the book about how this is a battle that is happening right here on earth, but it is also a battle that is being fought in the heavens between God's angels and the demons, the devil's crowd. When God's Spirit pours out in the huge way that it is going to come, then it will definitely turn things around in God's favor and in ours. For right now, it seems like and it feels like the devil is winning, but remember, God has the last say so.

Another powerful thing that we need to remember is that God's people are shielded. There is a hedge of protection around us. This hedge protects us from the things that are coming against everyone. I am reminded of the time when God sent the plagues against Egypt when Moses was getting ready to lead them out of the enemies' territory. When all those plagues came against Egypt, they didn't come against God's people. I am reminded of how God sent darkness on them that was so thick they couldn't move from their chair for three days. In the land of Goshen where the children of Israel were, it didn't get dark. God kept the darkness away from His people. We are protected.

In the land of Goshen, God's hand of protection was upon His people. His hand of protection will be on us

today as well. Because of the faith that we have that He will protect us, we don't have to be afraid. Faith overcomes fear. The main tool that they are using to control us is fear. We don't have to be afraid. We don't have to be afraid. We don't have to be afraid. This isn't a typo, I just want to get this into your head. Psalms 27:1 says, 'The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?' Isaiah 41:13 says, "For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

God's people aren't giving into fear like the rest of the world. Added to that, His Spirit makes them bold to be able to make a stand. Acts 4:31 says, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." When the children of Israel were ready to march into the promised land and claim the land God has given them, God told them this in Joshua 1:9, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." We can go in and take our land back for God and we can do that without fear.

There is another powerful resource that we have. In Ephesians 6:11-17 the Bible talks about putting on our spiritual armor. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour

of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." This armor that God has given us is armor that will protect us. When we have done all to stand and we keep standing, when we put on God's armor, we are protected and no devil or person can overcome us. Look at each piece of the armor of God and make sure that your armor is intact.

From the very beginning of this thing, God has spoken this scripture to His people that is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14. It says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." If you want God to use you, then you have to humble yourself and pray and seek God. If there is sin in your life that you have not repented of, ask God to forgive you. If there is sin in your life then you are fooling yourself into thinking you can get by with it. If there is sin in your life that you want to continue to do even though you know it is wrong, then you will not be able to make a stand against the powers of hell. You can forget God's anointing empowering you to do anything. You will only make a mess of everybody else's lives just like the mess that is in your own life.

The last one I am mentioning, but one that is very powerful, is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Baptism

of the Holy Spirit is a gift that God gives His people. It is the filling of His Spirit. When we get saved, God's Spirit come in us, but when we receive the gift of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, we are completely filled with God's Spirit. This gives us power to overcome the devil, a powerful prayer that God prays through us, boldness, and many other gifts. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is a powerful tool that will turn your world around. I'm not covering the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in this book, even though it is an important key in being able to bind up the devil. For more information on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost I have written a short book that is available to order on Amazon, and it is available on my website www.freechristianonlinebooks.com. The title of this book is *The Story of Acts and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost*. If you don't have this gift from God, then you really need it.

I want to close this chapter by telling a testimony by Gladys Aylward. She was a missionary in China from 1932 to 1970. She was there when communism first came in. She told the story of how she had ministered to the students in the university near her. There were 500 students there and 200 were converted to the Lord. When communism started, the students were given a questionnaire to fill out. One of the questions asked, "Do you support the communist party ideas?" The students knew that if they checked yes to that question they would be denouncing Christianity because the party ideas were against God. None of the 200 checked that. The first thing that the communist party did was to instruct the 300 students who agreed with communism to harass the other students. This went on for months. Then they met with the Christian students in the public

square. Again, they were asked if they supported the communist party. None of them changed their stand.

Then each of those students were assigned 10 people who constantly harassed them even beating them. After months of that, they were again called to the public square. Even after all that cruelty, none of them changed their minds. They called each student up one by one. The first was a young girl who had not been a Christian for very long. They asked her if she was still against the communist party. She answered, "When you first asked me that question I was new to this and I wasn't sure God was real. But after your cruelty, after I saw what Christ could do for me during your persecution, after I saw how He was there for me, now I know for sure He is real." They were so angry at her answer that one of the soldiers cut her head off with a sword. One by one they asked the same question. Even though they knew the outcome, every single student of the 200 original students stood for Christ. They did so even knowing that their decision would lead to their death.

We have something powerful in us. Something that will keep us through persecution. Something that will hold us through the storms. Something that will enable us to overcome and rise up. The church started under great persecution. History tells us about the persecution the church endured. After Jesus was crucified, the Jews were determined to eliminate His followers. We see that through the story of Paul. He rounded up the Christians and took them to be killed.

Also, the Romans began to persecute the church. They would round up the Christians. They were made to fight in the coliseum against gladiators. They were fed to the

lions in front of thousands who watched for sport. The Romans lit the coliseum by tying Christians to stakes and setting them on fire. Did all this persecution stop the church? We have the answer to that. Rather, I could say that we are the answer to that. The church is unstoppable. No one knows that better than the communists who have tried to stop all organized religion since 1917. Everywhere they go the first thing they especially try to do is to stop Christianity. Why? They are afraid of Christianity. They know that God's people will not stop, not bend, not bow. Just like the Israelite children in the furnace of fire-Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They would not bow to the king's idol. Because of that, they were thrown into the furnace of fire. Their story is told in Daniel chapter 3. That furnace had been heated up so hot that the soldiers who threw them into the furnace died because it was so hot. When the King Nebuchadnezzar and those who were with him looked into the furnace, they didn't see 3 people walking around in the furnace. They saw 4 there and the Bible says that the fourth was like unto the Son of God. Jesus was in the furnace walking with them. They came out of the fire and were not harmed and didn't even smell like smoke. Because of what happened, the King made a decree that anyone that said anything against God would be destroyed.

The communists know the God that walks in the fire with the Christians maybe even better than we do. They know what He can do to hold up those who serve Him even though sometimes we forget. They know that He walks in the fire with them making them unstoppable. Don't ever underestimate what being a Christian enables you to do. Coming up next we'll talk about how to fight.

Part 3.
What Can You Do
As a Child of God

1. One important thing that we can do is realize what is going on. Realize the truth. We have talked about these people as being masters of illusion who are making things seem different from what they are. If you have been saved, the Spirit of God is inside you. The Spirit of God gives His people discernment. The definition of "to discern" means to perceive, to recognize, to apprehend. God's Spirit gives us the ability to perceive things as they really are even though they may be disguised.

I don't see many of God's people being deceived by the things that are going on. We read in 1 John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." Pass on the truth about what is going on. Even if some don't want to hear it, it is our responsibility to tell it. In Ezekiel 3:17-21 God tells Ezekiel that if he warned the people and they refused to hear, then he delivered his own soul. But if he failed to warn the people and they perished, then he would be judged. We need to tell them even if it seems they refuse to hear.

Understand why they don't see what is going on. If someone has not been saved, or if they are not allowing God's Spirit to lead them, then they are not able to see things. We still need to warn them, but if they don't see after we do, don't be angry at them, pray for them that God open their eyes and that they accept salvation which will unlock them to be able to see the rest. Here is an important note: You need to be very careful before you

pass along information that you state as being the truth. One false report can undo 10 true reports in people's minds.

2. Don't let anyone pull you into anger if they don't agree with you. People that are giving into their agenda often have a spirit of anger that comes against them. These people who are trying to control are using anger to cause division. Don't allow them to bait you into being angry. Understand the tactics of the enemy. They are trying to divide. Don't allow them to use you to cause division. But also don't make the mistake of thinking that standing up for what is right is the wrong thing to do.

We got into this mess because for so many years we were tricked into thinking it was wrong to stand up. They will trap you into thinking that if you stand up against them you are causing division and love wouldn't do that because after all how can a God of love cause us to have issues against things that are wrong. They present it that everyone should be allowed to do whatever they want and we should keep our mouth shut. That isn't what God's love says. If we really love people, we will tell them that the lifestyle that they are in is not what they need in their life, and then we need to tell them about God's love and Word and His anointing that can deliver them. We need to tell them that they can be set free from the things that are destroying them.

That is what love says. Love says the truth about what is going on because we want them to know. It isn't a bad thing to stand up for what is right. We are in the mess we are in because for so long we swallowed that lie. Now we can see the main motivation behind this way of thinking. It is time for us to speak up if we really love

those around us, even if it seems at first that they don't want to hear and even if they throw it in our faces that we are causing strife and judgment.

3. Avoid arguments. Some people are masters at drawing you out and setting you up to take on a bad attitude so that they can point their fingers at your wrong. Don't let them start down that road. Don't argue. Just state the facts as Gods leads you to and leave it. Ask God to anoint you. You can say an hour sermon without God's anointing and it won't be as effective as 5 minutes of anointed talking. Also, don't let them cause you to have a know-it-all attitude because you have the truth and they are poor ignorant people. Realize that except for God's grace you would be as blind as they are.

4. It seems that the number one tool that they use to destroy people is fear. They are masters at using fear. They use the media and anything and anyone they can. They make it seem that you are wrong if you aren't buying into this fear. For example, they have done a grand job of brainwashing people concerning the vaccines. They are hiding the facts that many, many vaccinated people have still gotten covid and have become seriously ill even dying with it. It is another fact that there have been scores of people who have had serious complications from the shot. It isn't about who has or who has not had the vaccine it is about how they are using the vaccines to control. They are using them to take away our personal rights. They are also using them to cause division. More importantly, they are using them to cause harm to those who are standing up.

It is made to seem that those who are standing up against them are such bad evil people. For example, it

doesn't matter why people don't want to take these shots. Maybe they have already had covid and their antibodies are stronger than those that the vaccines give them. Or maybe they have health issues and can't take them. No matter about any of that. If they aren't lined up like cattle being herded along, then they are someone who is targeted to fear and to hate. We are conditioned through this to fear and hate anyone who is doing something to the contrary of what we are all told to do. So realize this. Realize why they are hating and fearing you when you make a stand. Because of this do all you do in the love and anointing of God. The only way to do this is to realize in God that you have nothing to fear. 366 times the Bible uses the words fear not. Isaiah 41:13 says, "For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." If you give in to fear, then you give into the power that they have over you. Only when you refuse to let fear control you can you stand. As long as fear controls, God won't.

5. Don't let them play hide and seek with you. They are masters at making a big deal of what they want you to focus on while the other hand behind their back is up to a whole bunch of no good. For example, when President Trump was President they came up with a big spending bill to give people their stimulus checks. It took a while for President Trump to agree with the bill. They made a huge issue of why he didn't want to help the people. But he knew something that came out later. They had padded that bill giving huge amounts of money to groups who were against freedom, millions to countries who were against us. They were using the stimulus checks to hide this money going out. More money went to these groups than to the people in our own country. How do I know? I saw a copy of the legislation. They cause you to

focus on one thing while they sneak in and do another. A lot of the abortion legislation that they have passed was done while we were so consumed with fear over covid. One way that you can say it is that they are so sneaky.

Be aware of what is going on. Be aware of what is out in the open and the things that are hidden. How can we know these hidden things? This story is found in 2 Kings 6. The King of Syria was planning things against Israel. Somehow they knew everything that was plotted against them and they were able to guard against them. The king asked how they were able to know these things. One of his servants answered him, "Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber." God will tell us what they are speaking, what they are plotting even when they are in their own bedrooms.

6. Understand that they are masquerading as people who are doing great things for us: improving the world, correcting all the things that are so wrong, doing a great reset. That is so hard to come against. If you don't go along with all their agenda, then you don't want a better world. They present it in this way. If you don't do this certain thing, then you don't want this better world. One example of this is if you don't accept homosexuality as a good thing, then you are discriminating and you aren't allowing people to have their freedom. But in reality we know that homosexuality is a cruel bondage that destroys people. Have you ever wondered why the people trying to control have pushed homosexuality in the schools? History tells us that when a country allows homosexuality to take over to the point that a majority of the people are homosexuals, then that country is destined to fall.

It is the morals of a nation that make that nation strong. Why do we not want the people around us that we love to give into that lifestyle? Because it is such a cruel way of life that is full of bondage. We aren't against making the world to be a better place, but we are against the lies that are destroying the people that we love. For years they have made it seem wrong to stand for what is right. Just the opposite is true. Never lose sight of that.

7. Never underestimate the power of the Word of God and the power of God's anointing. Both have the power to set us free from this mess. God's Word can open up people's eyes to see even when they are holding them shut with all their might. God's anointing can deliver them and it can deliver us from the bondage that is trying to take us over and destroy our freedom. Just the right words spoken under the anointing of God can deliver them. It doesn't take a lot when God is in it. Allow God's Word and His anointing to pour out in your life. Allow His oil to pour out on you and then take it and spread it around. Fill up with His Word, and allow Him to fill you up with His Spirit, then pour it out on everyone you see.

8. Know that there is something that will stop the anointing of God and the Word of God from working in your life. If your life is filled with sin that you aren't repenting of and you aren't letting God deliver you from it, then you won't be anointed for real, and the word of God won't work in your life. When we are all bound up then we can't lead others to be set free. When we have sin in our life, then we are easy targets for the devil to use us for his agenda. We may start out doing some good, but that good will be turned out to bad because we are failing to let God deliver us.

The number one key to unlock the Word of God to work in your life and to unlock His anointing is obedience. I have had God to tell me to do some things that seemed so small, but when He was done with it, it became something huge. Some things may not seem important but when He is done, they are profound. He will lead you to the right place at the right time and because of it you will do amazing things. Obedience is a key to unlock things. If you don't listen to God's voice and let Him direct you, then you may even eventually be used by the devil to do more harm than good.

Hearing God's still small voice and letting Him direct your paths is the first step in being able to do huge things for God. You have to be obedient though in the small things to be able to do the huge things. To be able to hear the voice of God and obey Him, you have to yield to Him. That isn't human nature. But it is the only way to be used by God. Submit to Him, yield to Him, commit it all and let Him rise up in you and He will do things through you. Galatians 2:20 says, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.". That is how to make a difference.

9. We have to be sure that our motivation is right for what we are trying to do. If we are trying to be seen and be known, then God can't use you. The Bible says that the way to be able to accomplish things for God is if we have God's love and if that love is the motivation behind what we do.

10. Understand why they hate the church. They hate it because they fear it. I have said this before. They know

more than we do about the power the church has. I am reminded of a story that someone told me while I was in Russia. There was a KGB agent who was in charge of breaking up churches under communism. They would go to churches and beat the people there. They would do this at one church. Then they would go to another church later and the same people they had beaten were there. This happened over and over. Then one day he was beating an elderly lady. He could tell that she was saying something under her breath. He got down where he could hear what she was saying. She was praying for him.

That was the beginning of his change. He was saved and had to leave Russia because that decision would spell death for him. They know the power of the church. Know who you are in God. Know who you are walking with and obeying. Know who is filling you and anointing you and allowing you to do the mighty exploits that you will do. You will do mighty things through HIm for the pulling down of the strongholds. 2 Corinthians 10:4, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

11. One of the most important things that you need to do is to know your rights, know what freedoms you are entitled to under the constitution and stand on those promises. Know what your rights are and stand your ground. Don't be tricked into thinking that the ground you are standing on is not important. If God has led you to stand, stand ye therefore. Don't be fooled into changing your position. If that is the territory God has given you, then stand there. Don't let people drag you away. Stay there and stand there until that ground is free ground.

Stand there until the sound of liberty is what you hear in the place where you are standing for God.

Know also that there is a key to why you can stand for liberty. We have mentioned before that the only way someone can stand for liberty is if they themselves are free. The only way that we can truly be free is if we are in Christ. 2 Corinthians 3:17 tells us, "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty." John 8:36 says, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." If you are free in Christ, then you have the power to stand up against all their lies, against all the things that are trying to take away your freedom.

12. This is a note to pastors. I hear a lot of pastors that are saying politics have no place in the church. When I hear them say this, I know that they are not being led by God's Spirit and I know that they are actually being used by the devil. If you are in a church and that is the stand that that your pastor is making, I believe strongly that you need to get out of that church. Our country was forged in the pulpits of that day.

If it hadn't been for the church and pastors who made a stand, our country would never have started. It was the pastors and clergy of that day that cried out from the pulpits that we needed to stand for freedom. The people heard this voice and made a stand. Also, I hear it said that pastors don't need to become involved in politics. When I studied those who signed the declaration of Independence and those who framed the constitution, most of those "reactionaries" were pastors. God sets you up as leaders, so lead. I have taken note that the pastors who are making a stand are those who are being

anointed by God with a powerful anointing and the works they are over are growing by leaps and bounds.

13. Never never never underestimate the power of prayer. I hear people say all the time, "All I can do is pray about it." Wow. That is such a failure to understand the power of prayer. Prayer can bind the devil up and loose victory. It can loose miracles that turn things around. I want to call upon all of God's people to pray. Sometimes when people get older, they feel helpless to be able to do anything of real substance. Get down on your knees and pray. You have faith that comes from experiencing the answers to your prayers. Those who are older are the most powerful prayer warriors that we have. Pray.

14. Don't go by what things look like. Just like the devil does, they are masters at making you feel like there is no hope and that you are losing. Listen to God's voice, and not to the voice of the enemy to get your news reports about what is going on. Listen to the voice of faith, not defeat. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report." 1 Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Hear what God and His Word say about an issue before you give up in defeat.

There is a group of people who are making a stand and changing the world. These people are an excellent source of news for what is really going on. You can find them on Youtube by searching for the Victory Channel Flashpoint. They will inform you and strengthen your faith.

For a great source of news about Israel and what is

going on there see Watchman News with Eric Staklebeck.

15. Don't underestimate what God is doing. Right now it seems on the surface like God has forsaken us. But when you listen to His voice, He tells us that He is working His plan out and when we see it come about it will be huge. When God moves, He will change the world. Isaiah 55:8-11 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Thousands of years ago He had the plan to deliver us. His Word that was written thousands of years ago refers to what is going on now and the victory we will see ahead. His Word promises some things that will happen. When He says it, it is done. We are definitely on the winning side.

17. We talked about spiritual warfare in the first part of this book. Never underestimate the power you have as a child of God to do spiritual warfare and the effect that this has to change the world.

I want to close this chapter by saying this. God is raising up Gideons. His story is found in Judges 6. The Midianite army had come against Israel. The Bible says that there were so many of them that they were like

grasshoppers. God chose a farmer called Gideon to lead the Israelites to victory. An angel appeared to Gideon and told him that God had chosen him to lead an army. He knew that it was an angel, but he was so afraid to believe what the angel told him that he asked God to send a miraculous sign to confirm what the angel said. God did, then He asked for another sign. Then he was still afraid to obey God. God led him into the Midianite camp. There he heard a soldier telling about his dream he had. He told how the Midianites would be delivered by God into the hands of Gideon even telling Gideon's name. The long and short of the story is that God reduced the number of soldiers under Gideon to 300 soldiers. They stood against thousands and won. Not only did they win, but God won for them and they didn't have to fight. That is what God can do for those who stand with Him and obey Him.

God is raising up Gideons. God is raising up people who won't give in. They will be ordinary people with ordinary weaknesses like Gideon. But they will stand in the power of a supernatural God. They will obey God just like Gideon did, and God will move for them. They will do mighty things. I am not saying that they will fight a war in the sense that Gideon did. But they will take on the enemy in their traps and lies, and they will reveal the truth. They will make a stand and everyone will know that the God they serve is standing with them. God will let the world know. Are you a Gideon?

Closing

God has a plan. He will work a work that will be amazing. I believe that when He is done, even the enemy will have to admit that God did it. There is one thing that God waits on. There is one thing that unlocks God's plan. Our obedience. Often God waits to see what we will do and that determines what He does. If you want to see miracles and great things happening where you are, then every day you have to listen to His still small voice and obey what He tells you to do. Obedience is the key to unlock great things. Rise up and obey Him . Who knows what will come because you have obeyed. In this book you have been given a place to start. The only way you can find the miraculous finish that will come from your obedience is if you begin.

In one chapter in this book I made a statement that is so important that I want to close with that statement. We are being consumed by fear. It is destroying us. A lot of times, when people can't see something that they can do about what is going on, that is what creates fear. When we know what we can do and we are about the business of doing what we know to do, we are over-comers, not victims. When we are made to feel like there is nothing that we can do, instead of over-comers we become victims and victims are helpless and hopeless. All that a victim can do is just be afraid. This book will give you the keys and tools to turn from being a victim to an overcomer. The first part will give you an understanding of the powerful things that you can do as a child of God to stand against even the

spiritual forces that are trying to take over the world, take over your life, take over your health, take over your finances, take over your mind and heart, take over you children and destroy your families. The second part gives you keys and tools to be able to stand up against the people who are trying to take away our freedom. You can overcome in this battle that we are in. You have the keys and tools to stand up and win. Rise up in God and change your world

