BOOT CAMP: EQUIPPING MEN OF INTEGRITY FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

CHAPTER 12: BE STRONG IN THE LORD:

FIGHTING FOR THE ONE WHO HAS NEVER LOST A BATTLE

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN THESE PAST WEEKS?

- WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT OUR CAUSE...THE SOULS OF MEN AND THE GLORY OF GOD
- WE SPENT VALUABLE TIME IN THE LORD'S INFIRMARY, SEEKING THE HEALING THAT ONLY HE CAN PROVIDE
- WE HAVE LOOKED AT LANDMINES PLANTED BY SATAN ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE SOUL— SELFISHNESS, SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IDOLATRY, JEALOUSY, ANGER, SINS OF THE TONGUE AND HYPOCRISY

HOW CAN WE WALK IN HIS STRENGTH??

 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. 1 Corinthians 12:10

- WE MUST FIRST RECOGNIZE THAT WITHIN OUR OWN HEART WE CAN NEVER BE ALL THAT GOD WANTS FOR US.
- THEN WE MUST EMBRACE OUR WEAKNESSES AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOD TO SHOW HIMSELF GREAT AND MIGHTY.
- THE POWERFUL STRENGTH OF GOD CAN THEN COME INTO US TO SHOW THAT WE ARE THE VESSELS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH (NEH 8.10)

- IN EVERY WAY, WHETHER IN PRETENSE OR IN TRUTH, CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED, AND IN THAT I REJOICE. (PHIL 1.18)
- EVEN IF I AM TO BE POURED OUT AS A DRINK OFFERING UPON THE SACRIFICIAL OFFERING OF YOUR FAITH, I AM GLAD AND REJOICE WITH YOU ALL. LIKEWISE YOU ALSO SHOULD BE GLAD AND REJOICE WITH ME. (PHIL 2.17)

- MY BROTHERS, REJOICE IN THE LORD. (PHIL 3.1)
- REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AGAIN I WILL SAY, REJOICE. (PHIL 4.4)
- I HAVE LEARNED IN WHATEVER SITUATION I AM TO BE CONTENT. I KNOW HOW TO BE BROUGHT LOW, AND I KNOW HOW TO ABOUND. IN ANY AND EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE, I HAVE LEARNED THE SECRET OF FACING PLENTY AND HUNGER, ABUNDANCE AND NEED. I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME. (PHIL 4.13)
- WHEN WE MAKE THE CHOICE TO REJOICE WE KICK THE ENEMY IN THE TEETH AND TAKE AWAY HIS POWER

- WE HAVE TO CHOOSE OUR WARDROBE WISELY
 - WE CAN CHOOSE TO WEAR THE RAGS OF OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - BUT WE ARE ALL AS AN UNCLEAN THING, AND ALL OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES ARE AS FILTHY RAGS (ISA. 64.6)

- WE CAN CHOOSE TO PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD.
 - WHEREFORE TAKE UNTO YOU THE WHOLE ARMOR 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: PRAYING **ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN** THE SPIRIT, AND WATCHING THEREUNTO WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE AND SUPPLICATION FOR ALL SAINTS (EPH. 6. 13-18)

- WALK IN TRUTH
- WALK IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
- SHARE THE GOSPEL OF PEACE
- STAND IN FAITH...DO WHAT GOD CALLS YOU TO
- WALK LIKE A SAVED MAN
- USE THE WORD OF GOD AS A WEAPON
- PRAY, PRAY, PRAY

LOOK LIKE THE OVERCOMER YOU ARE

- HOW DOES AN OVERCOMER WALK THROUGH THIS WORLD...
- WE WALK WITH HEAD UP AND CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD AND HIS FAVOR
- WE WALK WITH WISDOM AND POWER

WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST? SHALL TRIBULATION, OR DISTRESS, OR PERSECUTION, OR FAMINE, OR NAKEDNESS, OR DANGER, OR SWORD? AS IT IS WRITTEN, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING KILLED ALL THE DAY LONG; WE ARE REGARDED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." NO, IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN **CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US. FOR I** AM SURE THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NOR ANGELS NOR RULERS, NOR THINGS PRESENT NOR THINGS TO COME, NOR POWERS, NOR HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD IN **CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. ROMANS 8**

OUR GREAT EXAMPLE: DAVID

- DAVID AND GOLIATH
- DAVID WALKED LIKE AN OVERCOMER
- WHEN THE ENEMY ROARS...WE ROAR LIKE THE LION OF JUDAH
- THEN WE SPEAK LIKE CHILDREN OF THE LIVING GOD AND ACT ON WHAT WE SAY
- THE GIANTS FALL AND GOD GETS GLORY

WE MUST REALIZE THAT GREATER IS HE THAT IS FOR US THAN HE THAT IS AGAINST US

- "DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR THOSE WHO ARE WITH US ARE MORE THAN THOSE WHO ARE WITH THEM." (2 KGS 6.16–17)
- YE ARE OF GOD, LITTLE CHILDREN, AND HAVE OVERCOME THEM: BECAUSE GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD.

ELIJAH AND HIS SERVANT

- BEING PERSUED BY THE EVIL KING'S FORCES
- ELIJAH COULD SEE A FORCE NO ONE ELSE COULD SEE
- AFTER PRAYER THE SERVANT'S SPIRITUAL EYES WERE OPENED TO THE POWERFUL ANGELIC ARMY OF GOD
- WE NEED TO "SEE" THE OTHER WORLD AND KNOW THAT WE HAVE GREAT RESOURCES AT OUR DISPOSAL.

TO WALK IN INTEGRITY WE HAVE

TO DEPEND ON THE POWER OF

GOD AND NOT OUR FLESH...

REMEMBER... **DEPEND DON'T PRETEND**