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### Chapter 1

## An Attack Shows Your Enemy Knows You're Able to Reach Your Goal

One of Satan's favorite lies that he loves to whisper in a believer's ear is, "You're a failure." He'll tell you that you've always failed before so, of course, you're going to fail again, you're bound to fail. But, the very fact that you're hearing these lies indicates that Satan is aware that you are fully capable of reaching your goal. He certainly doesn't want you to reach it, which is why he's trying so hard to stop you.

If you believe your goals are God's will, nothing can stop you. You have the authority by the Holy Spirit to send the angels ahead of you to clear the way. Just ask God to release His angels. You can claim this verse:

Isaiah 45:2, "I will go before you and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron."

The devil's line of attack is designed to discourage and weaken you, to wear you down, and wear you out so that you won't have any courage left. Just remember next time you feel like life is too hard, that thought is not coming from the Lord. You're getting messages from the wrong broadcasting station. So, change channels right away.

God doesn't want you to be downhearted, doubtful, confused, or worried, much less depressed and defeated. Whenever these feelings begin to take over, it's a signal for you to rise up and fight. Don't just sit there, wallowing in self-pity, being tormented by the enemy! Shake it off!

Take action. Get up. Do something productive. Help someone else. Say something positive to yourself. Praise God! Turn the tables on Satan and his picking, pestering,

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annoying little demons. They are trespassing, so give them the boot. Whatever you do, don't give them your attention or even one inch of ground.

Remember, the reason Satan is attacking is because he knows *you will reach your goal* if he doesn't do something to try to stop you from moving forward. The lie is that you can't. The truth is that you can. You can, and you *will*.

I John 4:4, "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."

Notice that "have overcome" is in the past tense? What that means is that, no matter what it may look or feel like, we have already overcome Satan by the blood of Jesus Christ. He's operating on old news and living in the past tense. We are already victors.

You have much strength. One way to discover your strengths is to be required to use them. Every "cow in the barn", every faith muscle, every ounce of determination will come to the fore in answer to the battle cry.

However, a Christian's strengths are the opposite of what the world considers strengths. A believer's strength is in the Lord, not in themselves. Often, those who are strong in their own self-confidence are weak when it comes to spiritual battles. Someone who is strong spiritually will know enough to throw themselves at the feet of Jesus. They know from experience that *they can't do it themselves*.

Exodus 14:14, "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace."

2 Chronicles 20:15, "And he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

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That's not to say that spiritual warfare is effortless. On the contrary, it takes putting your faith into action. It takes yielding to God's Spirit, humbling yourself under the mighty hand of God, and trusting Him to win the battle.

Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

Ephesians 6:10-12, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup> 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."

Think of yourself as a professional athlete (spiritually). You want your spiritual physique to be ripped! So, you build up your spirit muscles with the Word of God and prayer like you would build up your body with protein smoothies and strength training. But, how does your spirit get stronger? How does one exercise the spirit being?

Resistance training! Of which Satan will gladly provide. (We have something to thank the old devil for after all.) Our spirit is required to resist the enemy every day. That takes spiritual exertion.

There is a way to be angry and sin not, if we're angry at Satan. —Much like getting angry at a punching bag. (If you happen to use a punching bag, here's a suggestion: quote a verse of scripture with every punch and hit the enemy where it counts!)

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War rages constantly in the invisible realm, but unlike earthly wars, spiritual wars have great significance for humankind. That attack that you are engaged in may be a lot more important than you know. It could have strategic significance more than you dream. You may think you're just struggling alone in your own little corner with unimportant details, but only God can see the whole picture. You may be holding down a valuable position that will enable God's troops to spearhead a major offensive into enemy territory. By standing your ground with conviction, you could have an impact on millions of souls.

As born-again believers, we have already won the war because our Mighty Captain and His heavenly host have defeated the enemy's kingdom. We are covered in the precious blood of the Lamb. That makes us victors.

We can stand with one foot on the broken back of our defeated foe, Satan. He is going down. He just doesn't act as though he knows it, yet. Maybe he thinks he can change history. But, he can't.

If our victory is assured, why do we have to keep fighting? Is it just a show of strength? Yes! We are showing the world, the heathen and even our brothers and sisters in the Lord exactly what we are made of. It's part of our testimony. You could call it your "destiny".

Maybe also, we are testifying to ourselves exactly what we are made of, what we're not made of, and, most of all, what Jesus our King is made of. Because, in reality, it's Jesus Who is fighting our battles for us. It's His testimony. He is the Victor and He is also the Prize!

It's nothing of ourselves and we can do nothing of ourselves. The sooner we learn that lesson, the easier our lives will be. The safest thing for a believer to do is just to take one step at a time, placing one foot at a time in the print of Jesus' foot.



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If we sometimes have difficulty finding Jesus' footprint, maybe it's because we're not following close enough. We must spend enough time in the secret place, listening intently for His leading and guidance. If we follow Jesus and keep our eyes on Him, we'll notice that He leads to Calvary.

Hebrews 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Wait a minute. Does that mean that we are to suffer in the same way that Jesus suffered? A possible reply to that is, "Yes, we should be prepared that that is a possibility and not be shocked or offended if we are required to suffer as intently as He did." However, Jesus suffered more than anyone has ever suffered in the history of mankind. He not only agonized physically, but He took the sin of the entire world on Himself and He suffered in a spiritual way that we probably will never understand. On top of all that, Jesus went to hell and was there for three whole days and nights, until God brought Him out.

With that in mind, it's highly unlikely that anyone will ever have to go through what He went through. Yet, we should be willing to, knowing also that Jesus will be right there with us every step of the way in whatever condition we find ourselves.

Many brothers and sisters in the faith have been tortured and/or given their lives for the name of Jesus. Scripture tells us that if we live godly in Christ Jesus we will suffer persecution.

2 Timothy 3:12, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Jesus said to the scribes and Pharisees,

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“Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues; and persecute them from city to city:” Matthew 23:34

Persecution has been around a long time. Take poor Jeremiah for example. He got put in stocks and later thrown into a deep pit so that he sank in the mud all the way up to his arm pits. Some of the things that God’s prophets have gone through have been pretty horrendous. That’s not to mention what Christians worldwide have gone through and continue to suffer as we speak.

Are you ready for persecution? Probably not. That’s something we’d like to avoid at any cost. Yet, we are called to run a race. Being a follower of Christ is not supposed to be a cushy career. We are called to exercise our faith, to put our faith into action, to bring forth fruit.

“Faith without works is dead.”

At the very least, we should endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. That could mean taking it silently when someone says something nasty about you for the sake of Christ. It could mean being falsely accused, slandered, or insulted because you are a Christian. It could mean being treated unfairly simply because you are a believer in Jesus. These are simple little tests that we should be able to pass with flying colors if we are filled with the Spirit of God.

Jesus knew how it felt to suffer shame. You wouldn’t think that our Savior would have been able to feel shame, but He did. When the Romans spat on Him and mocked Him, He didn’t answer back to defend Himself.

How should a Christian answer his accusers? What should a believer say when he is accused? Isn’t it fair for us to try to defend ourselves and our righteousness?

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The answer is that it's not about us. We are guilty of most things or we have been guilty in the past, so why not just admit it? We can say, "That's right, I'm a sinner. I'm much worse than you could possibly know, but I've been washed from all that filth because of the Blood of the Lamb."

Any accusation, false insult, unjust, or harsh treatment can be used as an opportunity to testify of the goodness of God. When we're dead to our flesh, we won't care what people say about us. It's not about us or our goodness or righteousness, it's about the righteousness of Christ.

So, the best way to gain a speedy victory over your accusers is to die to yourself. It's as easy as that. Just let it roll off your back like water off a duck because you already have the blood of Christ as water-proofing on your feathers. And that's just ducky. Be a duck for Jesus. Let it roll off of you and don't allow false accusations to stick in your head.

Don't review it later. Cast it all on the Lord. He'll vindicate you if He sees that it's necessary. As for God's reputation, He can take care of Himself. However, there is a time when we should stand up for Jesus. We should never miss an opportunity to defend the faith.

Philippians 1:29, "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake."

### Chapter 2

#### An Attack Comes Because You are a Threat

If you have come under an attack of the enemy, consider it a compliment. Satan doesn't bother to attack someone who is doing nothing to threaten his kingdom. Why would he waste his energy on them? He's mainly concerned with those who threaten to release his prisoners (the unsaved, and those who are deceived into following the wrong path). If you are bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God, you probably have a target painted on your back. Wear it with pride.

I Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

The more useful you are to God, the more Satan will attack you, because he knows he's going to lose many of his devoted followers to Jesus through you. Your smiling face and loving testimony is a huge threat to the devil's kingdom. Don't be surprised when you meet with a lot of resistance whenever you try to win a soul. All the powers of darkness panic at the advance of the Truth.

So, the instant you let down your guard, the demons will secretly launch an invasion when you least expect it. Satan is a lowdown dirty fighter. And, there are no holds barred in hand-to-hand combat with this devious demon from the pits of hell. –One more good reason to stay close to Our Commander in Chief.

Someone who is super-charged with the Holy Ghost shows up bright red on Satan's radar, especially when they are advancing deep into the devil's territory. He begins to panic and pulls out every trick in his dusty, old book.

His tactics are as ancient as he is, and his favorite one is fear. He'll use fear every time to try to deflate you. But, don't worry, most of the time it's merely empty

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threats. Satan's threats are empty because he has no right to touch a Christian who belongs to God. God's promises are more powerful than any of Satan's puny efforts.

God is in control of our destiny, not the devil. All his blabbing is just white noise that we should ignore. It's not real. Our reality is Christ. Everything that doesn't line up with His Word is a fallacy. A fake.

Our mission as followers of Christ is to set things straight. That's why Satan and his rebel army hate us so much. They can't take the truth. The light of God's truth burns them. They fizzle out and die. So, just send them to the bottom of the ocean or back into the rock strata where they came from.

Jesus sent a whole legion of demons into a herd of pigs. That was one way to take pork off the menu. The Jews weren't supposed to be eating pork anyway, so He solved two problems with one word, "Go." Those demons had to obey. They had no choice but to obey. No rights at all. Like very naughty little children, they immediately cowered and fled under His authority.

The fact is that once you have accepted Christ as your personal Savior and have been born-again, you have joined the ranks of God's Army. Congratulations! Now, put on your uniform, stand up straight, and fall in. There's a battle raging all around us in the heavenly realm and you are now on the side of the conquerors.

You read that correctly: you've signed up to an outfit that has already won the war. But, there will be skirmishes and challenges ahead because the enemy doesn't know yet that he's lost. Yes, it's pretty dumb, but nobody ever said that Satan was highly intelligent. –After all, he rebelled against the Creator of the Universe. How dumb is that? What a blunder. What a bad example. Serves him right if he didn't get the memo. (He'll find out in the end.)

A newly born-again Christian should expect to have lots of beginner's battles, trials, and attacks of the enemy. That's because Satan wants to stop them from becoming

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fruitful and on-fire. He wants to quench their enthusiasm. Therefore, he tries to discourage newborn believers and many of his attacks are concerning the foundation of their faith.

So, it's important for babes in Christ to be fully armed and ready for the attacks of the enemy. The same goes for battle-worn veterans. We should be vigilant at all times.

I Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

One of the first things a babe would do well to learn is the power of praise. Praise is not just a nice thing to do; it's also a shield and weapon. It's one of the most powerful weapons in our arsenal.

How the devil hates praise. He can't stand it. It hurts his ears like a high-pitched dog whistle hurts a dog's ears. And the light! (There's spiritual light emanating from your praise.) It just burns his eyes. It's unbearable. So, all of Satan's evil minions flee when a Christian opens his mouth to praise the Lord. When we do that, we are drawing a very clear line in the sand. There's a message in that line that says, "Property of King Jesus Christ. Back off, you rebels!"

The battleground where most of your battles will be fought is right between your ears. It's all in your head. One reason for that is because your carnal mind is the enemy of God. It's our carnal mind that needs to be reconditioned, or reprogrammed if you like, into becoming spiritually minded.

Romans 8:7, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

We have to allow God to teach our carnal minds to understand spiritual concepts. That may take a lifetime. It takes a lot of prayer practice to develop the mind of

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Christ. So, that explains why we have so many battles and why the enemy of our soul can use our mind as an entrance point. That's why we have a helmet of salvation to protect our head.

Isaiah 59:17, "For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon His head..."

That helmet helps to protect our mind from the fiery darts of the enemy that he constantly shoots at us. So, if you're being besieged with all kinds of discouraging thoughts, maybe your helmet needs adjusting. Make sure it's on tight. And never take it off, even when you're sleeping.

For every victory we win, there's another battle waiting to begin. Some of these attacks can last for a few moments and end quickly. Some can go on for years, depending on how/when we decide to fend them off. When we're a little lazy spiritually, we might procrastinate on facing certain areas that are under attack.

We may even decide to compromise with Satan and allow him to just go ahead and take the territory he's pushing in on. After all, what harm can it do for him to get the victory in just one little area? Besides, it's exhausting to continually fight off all these annoying little attacks.

*Maybe if I just give him a little inroad in this insignificant area, he'll leave me alone and be satisfied for a while. I need a break. Just a few moments to do my own thing.*

Those are the exact thoughts that the devil wants you to think. He wants you to stop resisting him for one moment so that he has time to regroup, send back for reinforcements, arm himself to the teeth, and then let you have it with both barrels. Don't think for one moment that the enemy of your soul will be satisfied with taking over a little corner you allow him to have. He'll never be satisfied until he's got you completely defeated, down, depressed and suicidal. That's his goal. He wants you to surrender.

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When we quit trusting the Lord for complete victory, it's a terrible testimony to others. Raising the white flag is not an option. We can never stop fighting until the day we either die or meet Jesus in the sky. We can never, as the soldiers of Christ, compromise with the devil.

That's because one compromise leads to another. There's no end to it. Either you believe every word of God's book or you don't. That's why it's important to know what you believe. If you have received the Messiah, Yeshua Hamashiach/Jesus Christ as your Savior, you believe in the Holy Bible.

Your faith is rooted and established in God's Word, period. You can put your trust in His book, guaranteed. And, if something doesn't line up with the Word of God, it's not the truth. In other words, it's a false doctrine—a lie. It's a deception that Satan is pushing to further his agenda, so don't believe it. Don't compromise with it, don't even listen to it.

Nevertheless, it's these very attacks and battles that help to make us stronger. Picture your faith like a muscle. If you compare it to a physical muscle, you'll realize that it must be exercised. The more you exercise a physical muscle, the stronger it becomes. In a sense, the more difficult and stressful the exercise, the faster the physical muscle will grow.

Although we may not be able to measure our spiritual growth, our spiritual maturity and strength of character shows up over and over in everyday life. It manifests itself in many different ways in the decisions we make, the time we spend in prayer, the way we treat others, and especially in the preponderance of our thoughts.

Yes, you *are* a threat. In fact, you're *more* than a threat to the devil, you are God's terrorist, terrifying the demons of hell with every prayer, every word of praise, every advance for the spread of the gospel. It's no wonder Satan is scared to death of you.



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You have the army of heaven behind you. There are radiant angels protecting you with swords out, ready to slice your cowering enemy to bits at your command.

Your helmet gleams in the sunlight. Your uniform bears the insignia of Christ blazoned across the chest. Your shield of faith shines so brightly it blinds the eyes of the lesser demons who flee from your step. But, when you raise the Sword of the Spirit, no enemy dares approach. The kingdom of heaven is within you. All the enemies of the cross will turn tail and run for their lives.

*Ephesians 6:13-17, “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.*

*<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

*<sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

*<sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”*

*<sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*

*Isaiah 59:19, “When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.”*

### Chapter 3

## Satan Attacks at the Birthing of Something Significant in Your Life

Have you suddenly been faced with huge trials that don't make any sense? Do you feel like you're on the firing line? Is everything seemingly falling apart all at once? – If so, this could be a sign that something very significant is about to happen in your walk with the Lord. Or, it could be the sign of an upcoming breakthrough.

When you're about to “give birth” to something significant in your life, it may seem that all hell is breaking loose. The battle may feel similar to the contractions a woman goes through before giving birth that intensify as the moment of birth gets closer. (The most intense labor comes right before the baby is born.)

These attacks can help to qualify you for new responsibilities. Like an entrance exam, you'll have to step up to the mark and prove that you've got what it takes. (You've got Jesus, and that's what it takes.) These trials and attacks will cause you to draw closer to Him and be more dependent on the Holy Ghost.

The enemy knows how powerful you are even if you don't. With Jesus on the inside of you, you have the potential to become a spiritual giant. A behemoth. Simply by yielding to the power of the Holy Ghost, you can be one of David's mighty men or women, able to crush a demon's head like an empty pop can.

But, your enemy doesn't want you to know the extent of your spiritual power, so he tries to blind you to it. He'll use doubt, worry, fear, frustrations, and confusion to try to distract you. Feeling worried or frustrated? Rebuke those feelings and send them back to the pit.

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“They are in front of us, behind us, and we are flanked on both sides by an enemy that outnumbers us 29 to 1. They can’t get away from us now!” Lewis “Chesty” Puller

That’s the attitude of a conquering hero. Puller saw the advance of his enemies on all sides as an opportunity to strike his foe a mighty blow. He knew the enemy was no match for his soldiers.

The enemy loves to attack us while we’re waiting on God to bring about the birth of something significant in our life. That’s how it was for the Father of Faith, Abraham, and his wife Sarah. They were under attack as they were waiting for God to perform His promise and give them a baby.

However, Sarah decided to intercept God’s plan and rescue herself prematurely. Rather than trusting God to do what He said He would, she arranged for her husband to plant his seed with a woman whom Sarah considered to be a better prospect for pregnancy. So, she gave her handmaid, Hagar, to Abraham.

This is a case where the husband was manipulated by his wife into doing something that was diametrically opposed to God’s will. This maneuver changed the course of history, giving birth to a nation that would oppose God’s chosen nation down through the ages. What a terrible mistake. That’s the fruit of trying to rescue yourself prematurely. If only Sarah had believed God.

Sarah, like many of us, had a moment of weakness. She looked at her circumstances. She was well beyond the age of child-bearing; it was an impossible situation. But, God often sets up impossible situations so that He can do a miracle. It’s when things look impossible that God gets some of His greatest victories. There is no testimony without a test.

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Abraham had to come behind Sarah and clean up the mess she got herself into because of her lack of faith. He had to send Hagar out of the camp with her son, Ishmael because Sarah couldn't stand having Hagar and her son around.

When the miracle child, Isaac was finally born in answer to God's promise, Sarah realized the mistake she'd made due to her lack of faith. Therefore, Ishmael was a testimony to her unbelief. He was the firstborn that wasn't the promised seed and Hagar was the mother that was a thorn in Sarah's flesh. They both had to go.

It's not always easy to wait on God's timing. His ways are not our ways. That's why it's so important to stay very close to the Lord and host the Holy Spirit moment by moment –especially when you're under attack.

He'll provide the patience and faith you need to be able to trust God for the outcome. He'll prepare your heart to be able to fully appreciate the outcome when it comes, even it's not exactly what you had wanted it to be. Even in that, we have to trust that God knows what's best.

### Chapter 4

## The Enemy Uses Those Closest to You as Doorways into Your Heart

Matthew 10:36-38, “And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household.”<sup>37</sup> He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.<sup>38</sup> And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.”

Like a spy who uses clandestine tactics to get into your inner circle, and learn your top secrets, the enemy of your soul will try to get to you through family members and those you are close to. People you have grown up with and those who know your innermost thoughts are the ones who can hurt you the most. They are armed with the knowledge to be able to do a lot of damage, hold you back from your calling, or at the least, dilute your effectiveness for the Lord.

This, dear brothers and sisters, is a tactic Satan has been using throughout the history of families and friends. Time and again you can read testimonies of great men and women of God whose first spiritual battles after being born-again were with their family members.

When you read the story of great men and women of faith, you’ll find that many of them had to go against their family to obey the Lord. In addition, there have been many believing wives who have gone through heart-breaking struggles with their husbands and many believing husbands with their wives, concerning the sovereignty of Christ in their marriages.

Satan knows that, although you may not listen to him, you will pay attention to the words that come out of the mouth of a dear family member or friend. So, he’ll use a

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relative to speak *through*. Their words can be like daggers that go deep into your heart.

*You mean my relatives can allow Satan to speak through them?!—Yes, they can. They may not do it intentionally, but it's very easy for people to get out of tune with God, especially worldly people. Even Spirit-filled believers can unwittingly be used of the devil. Never underestimate Satan's ability to use those close to you to gain the advantage and strike a blow below the belt. We must be aware of his devices at all times.*

Do you love Jesus more than anything or anyone else in your life? Do you love Him more than your own family members? That's a good question to ask yourself, isn't it?

We are not required to agree with everything our family members say, especially if it contradicts the Bible. (Remember: Jesus is the Word of God!) Whenever we hear something that doesn't line up with the Word, it's our duty to tactfully point it out.

These days, everyone is standing up for their rights to free speech and freedom of expression. Why shouldn't Christians feel free to express themselves and voice their opinions? Someone needs to stand up for the truth.

Your best defense is the Word. Not only is the Word of God our best defense, it's also our offensive weapon to cut the enemy off at the pass. You'll stop him dead in his tracks with one verse of scripture. That's how Jesus taught us to do battle with Satan. He simply stated, "It is written..."

To the enemy of our soul, those are three of his most dreaded words because he knows what coming next will spell out his doom. Do you want to see Satan crouch and cringe in fear? Next time you're going through one of his attacks, simply smile and say these words, "It is written" and then drop a scripture bomb on his head before he can rush off.

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There's no need to raise your voice or get angry. It's more about the authority in your voice and the faith you put into the words of scripture that come out of your mouth. Satan will know who you are by the tone of your voice, not necessarily the volume. He's not deaf. But, like the rebel he is, he may need to be persuaded that you really mean what you say. Give him no quarter. Tell him,

“Get thee hence, Satan and any of your demons. I command you to leave now, by the authority of the holy name of Jesus Christ, the One True God. I worship Him and Him alone. I command anything to leave that does not bow down and worship Jesus.”

If there's any back-talk from the demons after that, there's no need to repeat yourself. Simply tell them,

“Go.” God's angels will do the rest.

You may find that it's necessary to make this announcement to the demons a few times throughout the day, depending on what sort of attack you are under. Every time you rebuke the devil, you'll notice a change in the atmosphere around you. That's the angels ministering unto you because you called on the name of their King.

### Chapter 5

#### Angels Minister to You at the Conclusion of a Crisis

Just as there is a light at the end of every tunnel, there is a victory at the conclusion of every crisis. When you reach the end of the attack, there will be a victory celebration in the spirit world. And, to the victor, go the spoils. That's your reward for not surrendering. The windows of heaven open and pour you out a blessing.

Jesus specifically went into a desert place without food to present himself as a target for Satan to attack. (Of course, Satan didn't realize it was part of the plan to establish the Lord's identity and authority.) And, when that battle was finished, the angels came to minister to the Victor.

Matthew 4:10 & 11, "Then saith Jesus unto him, get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him."

The Apostle Peter discovered that the trials and attacks he went through were not only for himself. He was going through hell not because he was such a terrible person but because he was blazing the trail for others to follow. He was being honed by his trials to become a mighty leader of God's church.

Luke 22:31-34, "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. <sup>33</sup> And he said unto Him, Lord, I am ready to go with Thee, both into prison, and to death. <sup>34</sup> And He said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest Me."



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What a terrible breaking poor Peter had to go through. Jesus knew that Peter had to learn that he had no righteousness of his own and it wasn't about his good deeds and how strong he was. It was about being nothing for God.

Peter also learned the hard way through his denial of Christ that the love of Jesus is unconditional, overwhelming, amazing, merciful, and everlasting. Peter discovered more of the depths of God's love through his mistakes. Isn't that amazing? He was molded and made from deep within through the things he suffered.

What was the conclusion? —Jesus turned Peter around to show him a hurting world that needed the same amazing love that He had shown to Peter. The Master healed Peter's heart by asking him a question, “Do you love Me?” And Peter discovered that his answer to that question was the answer to everything —every problem, every disease, every trial, every suffering on earth could be solved if we would only love Jesus.

John 21:17, “He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, Lovest thou Me? Peter was grieved because He said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto Him, Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.”

If we love Jesus, He'll do all the rest. If we keep on loving Him, He'll cleanse our hearts, correct our mistaken thoughts, rewire our thinking, break us, mold us again, and make leaders out of us so that others can follow the same path we are on. It's the straight and narrow path and few people will find it. But, it leads to eternal life and the presence of our King.

Romans 8:18, “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

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Revelation 21:4, “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Glory will be revealed that is *inside of us*. It’s growing right inside of our spirit. And, it will be revealed when we reach our final goal at the end of the road. We are meant to be overcomers for Jesus. That’s our destiny. So, what exactly do we have to gain by waging war with Satan? Just –everything.

Revelation 21:7, “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (daughter)

### Chapter6

## Continuous Praise/Worship Demoralizes Satan and Attracts God's Spirit

There are loads of reasons to worship Father God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Worshipful praise pleases God. Do you want to please God? Worship Him! Do you want to know how to love God more? Worship Him! He loves it. He loves to hear sweet words of adoration.

As King David said in Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

That explains how David overcame all his enemies. He had a relationship with God that extended into every decision, every moment of his day and night. He enjoyed a continual feast with the Lord, one-on-one, in-the-closet, up-close-and-personal. King David knew his Creator and he belonged to God. They had sweet, sweet fellowship together in the secret place.

Everyone of us can find that same sweetness in the secret place of the Most High. All we need to do is go into our closet and shut the door. This is where we'll find the treasures of faith and spiritual strength. Without this intimate relationship with our Lord that He so dearly desires, we'll miss out on the essentials of our spiritual growth and power.

If you ever find yourself lost for words, not knowing what to say to the Alpha and the Omega, the omniscient, omnipotent Holy Lord of the Universe, just start out praising Him. He'll listen!

Psalm 100:4, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."

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To develop that relationship, we must spend time in heart-to-heart communion with our King. This time is necessary to refresh our souls that get weary with well-doing. So, be sure to spend time to tune your instrument before your next “concert”. You want to be sure to play on key.

Your spirit wants to make beautiful music to the Lord. There are so many gorgeous new songs that have been sent down recently from the halls of heaven. It’s impossible not to weep on hearing them sung. The heart of God is being revealed to us through music. These songs can open up the gateway to heaven and restore our souls with the joy of the Lord.

Spending time praising God is one of the best things you can do with your time. While you’re on your knees worshipping, heaven goes to work for you in the spirit realm, setting things in order, adjusting, correcting, providing, implementing, removing the obstacles and accomplishing your destiny.

That’s besides what praise does to Satan. It demoralizes him. Praise to our King puts Satan in his place –in the bottomless pit. That’s his place. He has no place in the presence of God. He can’t hold his head up or open his mouth. As long as we’re praising the Lord, the presence of God will fill the atmosphere around us, forcing the punk to flee! He’ll find the nearest exit and run for the hills.

In fact, it’s not easy for our flesh to sit still while our spirit engages with the Lord, especially when we’re speaking in tongues. As we said before, the carnal mind is the enemy of God because it doesn’t understand the spiritual realm and is like a schoolboy, impatient to get out and do its own thing. But, if we can wait on the Lord, He will strengthen our heart. It’s well worth the wait.

Another wonderful benefit of praising the Lord is that it directs our hearts to be grateful. When we begin to enumerate all of our blessings, thanking God for health,

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food, shelter, etc., it redirects our thoughts and we start to become very positive and appreciative. Remember that thankfulness is a strong position to start from.

One suggested exercise to improve gratefulness is to name every single big and little item you own and thank Him for it. You'll find there are hundreds of items to thank God for as well as victories won. You can even thank God for things you haven't yet received. Thank Him by faith.

Whenever you need some words to use to praise God, you can go to the last Psalm in the book of Psalms. It tells you how, when, and where to praise the Lord.

Psalm 150:6, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

It's as if praise makes you invisible to Satan, too. Maybe that's because you're hidden in Christ. You have preempted the attacks of the enemy by spending time in the secret place, so the Holy Spirit is hiding you.

Picture your angry enemy shooting his fiery darts that whizz past in all directions, bouncing off the invisible shield around you. You're in a safe and wonderful bubble of God's protection, hearing inspiring sweet words of love and encouragement while the storm rages all around on the other side of your bubble. But, it doesn't bother you. You don't even see it.

The enemy is screaming at you, accusing, and condemning you for all your faults and failures but you can't hear him. The Lord has blocked off the sound bites of Satan. You are deaf to his lies and temptations. You're floating along on a golden cloud of faith, in love with Jesus, lost to the world and all its cares. It's just you and Jesus and nothing else in the world matters except that He is yours and you are His.

### Chapter 7

#### **Your Faith is Working for You Every Moment of Your life**

Heb. 11:6, “But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

Your faith is always at work. It never sleeps. It’s busy every moment. Where you live is your faith at work. Where you work is your faith at work. Faith can turn a nobody into a somebody. Faith makes a champion out of a weakling.

Take King David for an example. When he slew Goliath, he was just a scrawny little kid with a stone for his physical weapon. Nobody could see his mightiest weapon – FAITH! His faith was coming out of his mouth as he charged towards the lumbering giant. He prophesied to him right before bringing him down.

As the saying goes, “The bigger they are, the harder they fall.”

Goliath’s head was so huge, David used the giant’s own sword to sever it from his body. If those dead eyes had been able to see this young boy, holding his head up by the hair, how embarrassed would he have been? Defeated by a shepherd boy who had never been in a battle.

However, in the spirit realm, where Goliath’s lost soul was a newcomer, he was soon to discover that it wasn’t that little shepherd boy who brought him down. It was David’s faith in the Almighty God. –The God of the nation Goliath had been mocking. And, now, well, that poor old giant of a man would have to face that God. Too bad, Mr. Giant. Looks like you should have been more careful about who you insult!

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Our entire life for Christ is by faith because we can't see God with these mortal eyes. Those who have no faith say we're crazy to believe in an unseen God. Only our faith tells us that God exists, that He created the universe, and that He cares about human beings.

We live in the Age of Faith. It's rare that we are allowed glimpses into the spiritual realm. And, though we may see Jesus through dreams or visions, we can't prove that we do. Yet, though we can't take a picture or video of it, we believe. And, that faith is not nothing. It's precious to God.

I Peter 1:7 - 9

<sup>7</sup> “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

<sup>8</sup> Whom having not seen, ye love; in who, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

<sup>9</sup> Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”

Faith is the engine that keeps us moving into the spiritual realm. It's our eyes and ears into that realm. Every day, our faith is growing a little more, getting a little stronger, keener and more sensitive to the voice of God. With faith, we can believe things people without faith can't believe. With faith, we can understand things unbelievers don't comprehend.

Though we operate largely in the physical realm, it's important to balance out our lives by feeding our faith. That's something we can do daily. We don't have to wait until Sunday to carry on a meaningful relationship with the Lord. You can get that same “Sunday boost” any day of the week.

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One great way to build up faith is by memorizing scripture. Find a few scriptures like this to memorize:

Hebrews 11:3, “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”

Hebrews chapter 11 is widely known as “The Faith Chapter”. –It’s Miracle-Gro for your faith.

Here’s another one: Hebrews 10:38 & 39, “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.”

Romans 10:17, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Since the Bible says that faith comes by hearing the Word, some believers like to say verses out loud. This way, you see the Word, say the Word and hear the Word all at the same time. You’re filling your eyes, your ears and the sound waves around you with the wonder-working power of the Word.

That’s how to get the kind of faith that moves mountains. Your faith can’t help but grow in that environment. You’ll almost be able to see its muscles bulging with spiritual strength, ready to take on the next opponent to the faith.

There’s a saying, “If you want to walk on the water, you’ve got to get out of the boat.”

In other words, we have to get out of our comfort zone sometimes to see our faith stretched. That means hearing from God and then doing what He tells us to do. Why? Because “faith without works is dead”. Is it time for you to get off the sofa?



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James 2:26, “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

Another way to ensure that your faith is working for you every moment of your life is by speaking in tongues as often as possible. This strengthens direct communication between your spirit and God. It alerts the angels to deliver important messages that your mind may not even be aware of.

You feel that pressing desire in your spirit to say something, but your head can’t quite put it into words. That’s when the Holy Ghost will take over your tongue. Your carnal mind can just sit back and enjoy the ride. In fact, your mind doesn’t need to know what’s being said.

It may take time before you gain a full understanding of what you said in tongues last week. Although, sometimes you’ll get a direct translation immediately. And, in that case, you will want to write it down or record it because it’s something God wants you to remember.

Personal prophecies from the Lord are so encouraging and faith-building. It’s good to keep track of them. You can keep a notebook especially for prophecies that you receive in your prayer time. A date at the top of each prophecy will help keep them organized. Dates can also help to provide a timeline to show when the prophecy or message was received. Then, when the answer or fulfilment comes, you can write the date it manifested and was received.

At the end of the year, you can go back and read from the beginning of the year. God will never fail to blow your mind with all His goodness, answers to prayers, miracles, healings and blessings. Believers should remember to keep track of all the miracles and testimonies of the Lord’s goodness in their lives. It’s so encouraging. It builds courage and faith.

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There are times when a personal prophecy is the answer to someone else's prayer, too. But, it's a good idea to pray about what to share and with whom. Some things are just between you and God. Some messages from the Lord are just encouraging love notes to lift your spirit.

Jesus knows your heart so well, He knows just what to say. Sometimes only a few words can change your whole outlook and turn around your day. Just a few moments in the prayer closet can do wonders for your faith.

### Chapter 8

## The Weapon of Wisdom Insures Promotion Will Follow Every Crisis

2 Timothy 2:9-12

<sup>9</sup> “Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him: <sup>12</sup> If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us.”

In a crisis, your attitude is key. Your attitude towards a crisis determines how much of it you’ll allow to be a setback and how much you’ll use for comeback. In fact, overcoming a crisis can provide traction. It can propel you to the next level. Therefore, don’t allow it to put you in jail spiritually. (“The word of God is not bound.”)

Following a sickness, crisis, or trauma, those who have been healed and delivered can experience pain in the same place later. It’s as though the problem has returned. But, in most cases, that’s a lie of the devil. It’s simply your brain remembering the trauma.

There’s a name faith-healers have given to this experience. It’s called “trauma memory”. So, not only do we need to be healed from the original condition, we need to be healed of trauma memory.

To be healed of trauma memory, stand on the Word of God, no matter what your feelings tell you you’re feeling. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Relax body, mind, and spirit, and allow the Holy Spirit to flow into the innermost part of your

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being. You have been set free. Continue to believe in your healing. God will perfect that which concerns you.

It helps to share your testimony with others because others may be going through difficulties similar to what you have come through. Remember, sharing a testimony is not time to “test and moan” to others. It’s an opportunity to tell about God’s goodness and the miracles He has done. Put the spotlight on Jesus.

Climb to the top of your victory and use it as a vantage point to see what’s up ahead. Use it as fuel to move forward. These victories you’re gaining cost you something. They also cost God His investment in you. Whether it’s “Boot Camp Training” or “Leadership Training”, the Holy Ghost is constantly teaching you and helping you to grow spiritually. He’s also a great comfort!

John 14:26, “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

Now that you have gone through that last trial and won another victory, you’re ready for the next one. God was pleased with your performance, your faith and perseverance during that last battle. He is duly impressed. That’s how He knows He can trust you with another more difficult battle. He can send you into more advanced warfare. You’ve been promoted. Congratulations. Keep up the good work.

A dedicated soldier of the Lord anticipates continual spiritual warfare. He expects it. Eventually, he may even start to look forward to it. After all, another battle is another chance to prove His faith. Another day, another round with the kingdom of darkness. Hallelujah!

Sometimes, there’s barely time to bind your wounds. However, sometimes you’ll get a much-needed break from the fray. You may even get some down time. You’ll want to use that time wisely to build up your faith in the Word. Like vitamin supplements,

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verses of scripture nourish your spirit. Words from the Holy Bible are not mere words. Even Satan knows that.

Heaven's angels rejoice at the sound of God's Word. The Word triggers them into action. They await your command. Yes, soldier, you are also a commander. What is your next command? The angels of the Lord salute you.

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### Quiz Questions – True or False?

1. Family comes first no matter what. T ☐ F ☐
2. A follower of Christ should never have to suffer. T ☐ F ☐
3. After a certain amount of time, our faith stops growin T ☐ F ☐
4. We should always defend ourselves when someone insults us, so people won't think we're cowards. T ☐ F ☐
5. Satan attacks weak Christians the most because he knows they won't be able to make it to their goal. T ☐ F ☐
6. The Word of God is a believer's offensive weapon used to attack the enemy. T ☐ F ☐
7. Satan uses your feelings to make you think something is wrong. T ☐ F ☐
8. Trauma memory is when your mind reminds you of a trauma that you have been healed or delivered from. T ☐ F ☐
9. Satan can speak through well-meaning loved ones and even spirit-filled Christians who are offering friendly advice. T ☐ F ☐
10. By engaging you in battle, Satan helps you to discover your strengths. T ☐ F ☐
11. The Holy Ghost doesn't comfort you because the angels do that. T ☐ F ☐
12. Loving Jesus solves all of our problems and difficulties. T ☐ F ☐

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13. Our carnal mind is the enemy of God. T ☐ F ☐
14. Usually an attack of the devil means we will be demoted. T ☐ F ☐
15. God can't love us when we have sinned. We need to repent first. T ☐ F ☐

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### Answers to the Quiz

1. False (see Matthew 10:37)
2. False (see 2 Timothy 3:12)
3. False
4. False
5. False
6. True
7. True
8. True
9. True
10. True
11. False (see John 14:26)
12. True
13. True (see Romans 8:7)
14. False
15. False



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