

PRINCIPLES OF WARFARE – Part 2

Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Are we ready to fight and take the battle to the enemy's camp? In Malaysia, winds of change are coming. It is coming deeper. There is a power this wind carry. When the winds of change come, it will challenge the status quo. What we thought was normal will not be normal anymore. God will challenge everything. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken. He will shake everything so that what we will receive will be a Kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Our strength is to make others strong. Jesus took Peter, James and John to the Garden of Gethsemane. When Jesus prayed, they slept. The disciples were not much of help. Jesus spoke specifically to stay with Him for an hour. When the leader is praying, we must be in the Spirit of Prayer also because there is a great assignment coming. That's why it is dangerous for us to fool around. When the leaders are going forth, we cannot be fooling around in our comfort zone. There must be proper leadership structure that is clean so that the enemy cannot destroy us. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken so that whatever that remains is God.

We need strength to do things. Be courageous and be strong. When we are strong, we can be confident to go forward in Christ. The story of Malaysia is not finished.

Change our mentality from just prayer to become a warrior to get our inheritance. The way we think must change. When we pray we must possess these things in our heart. All our prayer must result in something. When God speaks His prophetic word, God declares war. We don't take the fight. God takes the fight. So the word must come to us. When the word is there, the game is on and we are already in the limelight as far as the devil is concern.

We must be clear that the battle has already started. We didn't start the battle. The battle has already started since the foundation of the earth. When we engage in prayer every day, change our mentality. Come out of the cave.

1. It is inevitable we go to war against our enemies

We have no choice. It is only a matter of time. Circumstances will challenge us. When we want to do great, there is a battle towards becoming great people. We must be ready at all times. The devil keeps his appointment and schedules and when he sees opportunity, we strikes. In the enemy's mind is only our destruction. That's why we have to be alert and keep our eyes open. The enemy moves around.

When we are equipped with the full armor of God, we are covered. It means that God is inside and the word of God guards us. No matter how much we train, we cannot be totally ready. We can study all the opponent's moves etc. When we enter the ring, it is not based on our memory but real-time. We do not know what the enemy is planning. It is at that moment, if we are weak, we will lose. That's why we must depend on the Holy Spirit. He will make us ready by putting peace in our heart and find rest in the midst of storm.

2. God must be the Leader and the Captain who will choose to lead us.

The Holy Spirit must be our Leader because He led the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus went in with the fullness of the Spirit but when He came out, He came out with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Many people are weak and don't understand how to become strong in power.

Luk 4:1 *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness*

There is no better place to test our leading than in the wilderness. Wilderness has no road and yet God can lead Jesus there. Devil is very interested in time. Most people waste time thinking that they have all the time. The devil keeps messing up our time. If the birds timing is messed up, they will not fly away before winter.

When we come in the position with full of the Spirit, the devil knows his time is short. God moves in, devil moves out, we move forward.

Jesus returns in the power of the Spirit. God is taking us into the battlefield and we must have the greatest Leader to lead us to war and His name is Jesus. God is our Leader. Even God has officials and He placed them over our lives so that we can be protected.

The Leader of Moses must be the same Leader of Joshua. The leader must be the same so that Joshua can receive the same understanding of assignment.

3. We must have the fresh personal revelation of God

All our problems will look small because He is the greatest. We cannot choose what problem we will go through but we can change our attitude to the problems. If we are wrong inside, we give advantage to the devil and the enemies. When we are emotionally upset, we will not be in our perfect state to cross. The peace of God that passes all understanding must guard our mind.

The devil does not play fair. He does not care if it's child, adult, male or female or how much we love our children. He will just steal, kill and destroy. If we don't keep our cool, we will lose. We must learn how to use words to diffuse the situation.

Children who are not raised by their own parents carry a certain expression. However if they are properly fathered and nursed by a mother, their lives will become better.

We must know our God. Those who know God will do great exploits.

4. Every battle is winnable

We must be equipped for it. Some people are very good and can play many instruments. But the back story of it is that the parents are good and helped them and expose them to the different instruments.

When we over exaggerate and procrastinate our problems, it will be much trouble to our lives. Some doctors will tell you the worst first even though we have not gone there. They never tell us how to recover. The choice is ours to get out of the worst situation. If we don't make this choice, the problems will become bigger.

So many people who quarreled, most of the time the problem was a small problem. Time made it bigger. When we make up our mind not to let the devil kick us around and make a stand, things will change. If we don't make up our mind, we will receive nothing from heaven. The enemy will be put to shame when we make the right decision. Every battle is winnable. If the Holy Spirit can equip us for the battle, the battle is won.

5. No victory, no freedom, no breakthrough until the battle is won

We must be sure we win the battle. Don't celebrate too fast. Feeling God does not mean it is ok. Wait for complete victory. It takes one battle to win and another battle to keep what we won. Making money is not the difficult part. Managing money is the hard part. Multiplying, maximizing and mastering is hard.

6. We must take the battle to the enemy's camp

Don't play the game on our side. Whatever the devil hates about us, do more. If the devil hates us for doing evangelism, keep doing evangelism. If we always have monetary problem, keep checking them and make sure all is well. If we live right, there is no reason why God should not bless us. If we are righteous before Him, then all the blessings should come.

When God is seems like not doing anything, that's the time God is testing us. Just like Jesus who was in the boat seems like doing nothing. The disciples said Jesus didn't help them or do anything to help. When He is not doing anything, He is doing something. He is sorting out our attitude. Bad attitude won't bring us up higher. Right attitude will bring us up higher.

The enemy can try anything but we must decide.

7. Discern and identify our enemy

It is not flesh and blood; not our father, mother, etc. It is the power that is behind. God's people fall because of the smallest things because they believed a lie. Every battle is winnable if we can discern the enemy behind the situation.

God will not lead us to war unless we are mature. That's why there are so many weak leaders in the church because they fall due to the smallest things. When we go higher, we get more attacks but we can win faster. When we start to pray more and do what is right, bad things are happening in our lives. It means that God is getting us ready for war.