THE ANCIENT WAR CRY

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(Audio can be found on Youtube.)

Where's our war cry? We don't even know that we are at war. We don't understand that we're in hostile territory. This isn't a time of peace. It's against principalities. It's against powers, that are puppeterring the people. We are in a position to see souls set free. This has been the ancient war cry throughout all generations of the Hebrew Nation: RAK CHAZAK!

Where does it come from? CHAZAK-this is the Hebrew-: the rock-like oomph of the spiritually zealous heart, the game face of a mighty man, tenacity of soul, the gritting of the teeth of the spirit-inspired warrior and the bearing of those teeth to the enemy, CHAZAK is possessing a resolute and growing resolve for the Glory of God, a flush of spiritual fervor, a tensing of all our soldiers muscles. There's a CHAZAK.

We don't have that spiritually. We should. We don't because we don't know what we're engaged with. Do you know that you have the armory of heaven? That you have everything you need for life and godliness to push the enemy forces back? And so, when you hear CHAZAK, your knuckles spiritually should immediately turn white. You should find yourself gritting your spiritual teeth with a belligerence against the enemy. *He goes down!* There are souls that must be saved!

That's just CHAZAK. The Hebrew statement is RAK CHAZAK However, in the Bible, where that came from ,

it's CHAZAK AMATS. The other word that goes with it, AMATS, it's heavenly audacity, it's rushing headlong into the most hazardous and impossible battles without pausing to consider the impossibilities.

Who had AMATS in the Bible? David, against Goliath? That's some serious AMATS. O'kay, he's rushing headlong against Goliath. David, you might want to think about this a little. "No, I'm not weighing the impossibilities. This is for my God!" It's a confidence in victory even before the field is taken. It's lambs moving with liquid ferocity straight into the lion's lair.

How about the three that overheard him in the cave of Adullam, desiring for a cup of cool water from the well of Bethlehem? Those guys had AMATS. They go running out, break through a garrison of Philistines to grab a cup of cool water and then bring it back to the garrison. They're being hunted by Philistines, all the time trying not to spill a cup of water. That's AMATS.

Mere men and women on earth are eaten up by the enemy. However, we're not *just* mere men and women of this earth. *We're redeemed!* We are bought with a price, and we've been changed into the Body of Christ.

AMATS means swift-footed, all-believing, super-conquering, prevailing faith in the Lord of battles. What happens to the world if Christians once again get CHAZAK and AMATS?

Do you know what the apostles had after Pentecost? Something came into them. What was it? You can say it very simply, "CHAZAK and AMATS." The Spirit of God-He came in to win! He came in to turn this world on its head.

Moses' last gasp…this was his great speech before the Promised Land, which he never got to enter into. And he's laying out the ground rules for the kingdom that is about to be established across that Jordan River. "Be strong and of good courage! CHAZAK AMATS! Fear not nor be afraid of them. For the Lord thy God-He it is that does go with thee. He will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

And Moses called unto Joshua and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, "CHAZAK! AMATS! Be strong and of good courage, for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord has swore unto their fathers to give to them and thou shalt cause them to inherit it."

What's happening there? The men and women of God are coming in to take what was purchased---*The Promise*. You are surrounded by thirty-one hostile empires-that's what they were headed into, thirty-one empires on the other side of that Jordan River. *Thirty-one!* This is where we are at as the Church of Jesus Christ. Yet we are there without a war cry. Let's understand that we are out to win for the glory of Jesus Christ, and even if we die, we win! It doesn't matter what happens to our bodies. We obey. God wins.

Now suddenly we're crossing. Joshua is the same name for Jesus in the New Testament, which by the way is Yeshua. This is the Savior, the Man of Salvation, and the One to bring us into the inheritance. "Be strong and of good courage, for unto this people shall thou divide for an inheritance the land which I swore unto their fathers to give them. Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage ! RAK CHAZAK! Be not afraid! Neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee, withersoever

thou goest, RAK CHAZAK, Israel!" RAK CHAZAK, men and women of God Almighty. All the powers of earth and hell that come against your soul and all the powers of earth and hell that are puppeteering the lost masses. Hit them square in the teeth, and you show love to this world, to anyone who would spit in your face. You serve them and love them in return, and say, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. RAK CHAZAK, Israel! RAK CHAZAK.