"Faith moves mountains, but you have to keep pushing while you are praying."
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Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance
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Lesson 12

HOW TO WIN THE WAR

1. **Identify your enemy.** *Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1st Peter 5:8).*
2. **Listen to the Lord.** *So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all"* (1st Samuel 30:8).
3. **Have a strategic plan.** *Where there is no vision, the people perish…*(Proverbs 29:18).
4. **Be under spiritual authority and keep the leadership informed.** *Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God* (Romans 13:1).
5. **Seek Him with prayer and fasting.** *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart* (Jeremiah 29:13).
6. **Don't throw your pearl before swine.** ***"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn and tear you in pieces"*** (Matthew 7:6).

7. **Remember that the Holy Spirit needs to be invited in to seal and fill those places left empty by the exit of demons cast out in spiritual warfare.** ***"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that man is worse than the first"*** (Luke 11:24-26).
8. **Don't allow discouragement or fear to stop you.** *For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind* (2nd Timothy 1:7).
9. **Go out in pairs. You need warriors around you to fight with you!** *And He called unto Him the twelve and began to send them forth by two and two, and gave them authority over unclean spirits* (Mark 6:7).
10. **Fight until you win.** *Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them. David recovered all* (1st Samuel 30:17-19).

JOSHUA: AN OLD TESTAMENT TYPE OF ENDTIME WARRIOR

As a Son

Joshua, whose name means *Jehovah is Salvation,* was the son of Nun, and of the tribe of Ephraim. There is no doubt that Joshua's parents feared God, that he was an obedient son, and that he continued in the godly ways of his parents. Tonight I want to ask you, "Are you honoring your father and mother? Are you obedient, if you are still in their household, to them? Unless they are counseling you to do something immoral and unbiblical, you are wrong if you are not submitting to their authority.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12

As a Slave

Joshua was born during the years that the Pharaoh of Egypt held God's people in bondage. He knew what it was to suffer and to be given almost impossible tasks to complete. Are you willing to be a bond slave for Jesus Christ? If not, you will never be part of the Remnant Company of the Last Days. The Book of Revelation was written to the bond-slaves of Jesus Christ. Paul and Timothy (Philippines 1:1), James, the Lord's half brother (Matt 13:55; Mark 6:3, Gal 1:19) (James 1:1), and Simon Peter (2nd Peter 1:1) identified themselves as bond-slaves to Christ. The term used in the Greek is *doulos.* This is the most servile term in the New Testament. A bond-slave was one that had been freed but chose to stay with their master. These men surrendered all their rights and loved their

Master so much that they were devoted to Him to the total disregard of their own interests. They had no rights and were bond to the Master unto death.

Bond-slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eye- service, as men-pleasers, but as bond-slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.
Ephesians 6:5-6

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life, which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
Galatians 2:20

Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.
1st Timothy 6:1

As a Soldier

Joshua was gifted as a military strategist. In fact generals throughout the ages have studies his military strategies. Yet through his leadership in 3 major military campaigns involving over 30 enemy armies, Joshua taught the Israelites a simple lesson: Victory comes through faith in God and obedience to His word, rather through military might or numerical superiority.

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself

with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.
2nd Timothy 2:3-5

As One Submitted to Authority

Joshua defeated the Amalekites and was a great war hero. Yet he kept himself as a man under authority and gave unswerving loyalty and devotion to Moses and was even called the *servant of Moses* (Numbers 11:28 and Joshua 1:1).

Authority is one of the most unpopular words of our times. Everyone wants to do his own thing. I am convinced, however, that most of the problems we have are directly related to disobedience to authority. Authority is like an umbrella of protection. When we are not under authority (the umbrella), we expose ourselves to unnecessary temptations (the rain) which are too strong for us to overcome. This is why Scripture compares rebellion to witchcraft (1st Samuel 15:23).

According to Bill Gothard, the only discussion between Jesus and his parents that is recorded between when he was two and thirty years old is a discussion, which involved authority. This occurred when he was twelve. Should He follow His spiritual calling and be about His Father's business (Luke 2:49), or should He become subject to His parents and leave His ministry at the temple? He did the latter, and the following verse reports, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.
Hebrews 13:17

<u>As a Man of Faith</u>

Joshua, along with eleven others, was selected to spy out the land of Canaan (Numbers 13:1-6). It was at this time that Moses changed Joshua's name from Oshea, meaning *help,* to Joshua, meaning *God's help* or *salvation.* All the other spies, except Joshua and Caleb, came back with a negative report. They were looking at circumstances. Joshua and Caleb were believing God. All the people sided with the ten spies. The Lord was so offended by this lack of faith that He caused the 10 spies to die of the plague and He made the Israelites wonder in the wilderness for 40 years until all the Israelites who were 20 years old and older had died except for Caleb and Joshua (Numbers 14).

For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2nd Corinthians 5:7

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith.
1st John 5:4

TIMOTHY: A NEW TESTAMENT TYPE OF ENDTIME WARRIOR

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.
2nd Timothy 3:1-5 NLV

Background: Timothy's name means *worshiping God* (sometimes translated as honored of God or valued of God). He was a young man of Lystra, not far from Paul's birthplace, Tarsus. Timothy was the son of Eunice, a Christian Jew, and of a Greek father who probably was dead when Paul first visited the home, as recorded in Acts 16. Timothy's grandmother was Lois. Most likely Paul led young Timothy to Christ, and he definitely ordained Timothy as a minister of the Gospel. Paul served as Timothy's spiritual father, and Timothy consistently sought Paul's instruction (2nd Timothy 2:3 and 3:14).

1st Timothy

Written by the Apostle Paul to his son in the faith, Timotheus or Timothy, for the purpose of giving Timothy guidance on how to organize a church, at a time when his church was in revival and booming and doing wonderfully well. Timothy had written his spiritual father and asked for instructions on how to select leadership and how to organize the church. Many scholars believe Timothy's church was growing faster than any of the other first century churches.

Highlights of 1st Timothy (NKJV):

1st Timothy 1:5-*Now the purpose of the commandment is love out of a pure heart, from a good conscience, and of sincere faith.*

1st Timothy 1:15-*This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came in to the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.*

1st Timothy 2:5-*For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*

1st Timothy 4:8-*For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.*

1st Timothy 4:12-*Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

1st Timothy 5:22a-*Do not lay hands on anyone hastily….*

1st Timothy 6:6-*Now godliness with contentment is great gain.*

1st Timothy 6:7-*For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*

1st Timothy 6:10-*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

2nd Timothy

Written by Paul, who was in a Roman prison cell, to Timothy, who had apparently written to Paul telling him of the terrible persecution that was going on against the Christians and telling him of his broken heartedness over so many that had left the faith, some of which had betrayed him. The church is not doing well at all. Timothy is worried. His elders and deacons are leaving him. His church is shrinking. He fears that he might be martyred. Yet he had to be strong and comfort the believers in the midst of great tribulation (1st Thessalonians 3:2). In the end he was martyred in Ephesus while attempting to stop an indecent heathen procession during the Festival of Diana.

Timothy is a type of Last Day's Believer, a part of the Remnant Company of the Last Days. Some of you here, no doubt will give your life for the Gospel, or, at the very least, you will be called on to make tremendous sacrifices

and will suffer persecution if you make the choice to live a godly life in Christ Jesus

As a Son

Timothy was Paul's child in the faith. Timothy came from a godly heritage and had a genuine faith (2nd Timothy 1:3-5: *I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.*) Apparently Timothy's father died when Timothy was very young. The Apostle Paul became his spiritual father (2nd Timothy 2:1: *You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus)*. Paul mostly likely led Timothy to Christ and circumcised him (Acts 16:3: *Paul wanted to have him* [Timothy] *go on with him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they al knew that his* [Timothy's] *father was Greek*). As a young person he was a reader of Scripture (2nd Timothy 3:14-15: *But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* Everyone needs a father, whether it be physical or spiritual. Those who are the most stable and ready to fight in the epic battles of the Last Days generally are those who under the spiritual covering of a father.

As a Minister

Timothy was ordained as a minister of the Gospel (1st Timothy 4:14: *Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.*) Paul chose him because of his unique gifts, especially the gift of evangelism (2nd Timothy 4:5: *But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*) Timothy humbly served Paul as a son with his father (Philippians 2:19-23: *But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.*) How we will need seasoned and bold evangelists to bring in the Great Harvest at the end of the age.

As a Comforter

Timothy had charge of restoring a backsliding church and of encouraging believers in the midst of tribulation (1st Thessalonians 3:2: *….and send Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith.*) The Body of Christ in the endtimes will

especially need encouragers, as we walk through tribulation.

As a Fellow Sufferer for the Gospel

Timothy co-suffered with Paul (2nd Timothy 1:8: *Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God*..) The Last Days will paradoxically bring joy and bring suffering to the Body of Christ. We will share in the sufferings of Christ, but we also will know the fullness of joy that comes from His Presence.