

SIEGE MENTALITY SEIZE



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“Now four men who were lepers were at the entrance of the city’s gate; and they said to one another, ‘Why do we sit here until we die? If we say, we will enter the city—then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. So now come, let us go over to the army of the Syrians. If they spare us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.’ So they arose in the twilight and went to the Syrian camp. But when they came to the edge of the camp, no man was there. For the Lord had made the Syrian army hear a noise of chariots and horses, the noise of a great army. They had said to one another, ‘The king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to come upon us. So the Syrians arose and fled in the twilight and left their tents, horses, donkeys, even the camp as it was, and fled for their lives.’ And when these lepers came to the edge of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid them [in the darkness]. Then they entered another tent and carried from there also and went and hid it. Then they said one to another, ‘We are not doing right. This is a day of [glad] good news and we are silent and do not speak up! If we wait until daylight, some punishment will come upon us [for not reporting at once]. So now come, let us go and tell the king’s household.’ So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city. They told them, ‘We came to the camp of the Syrians, and behold, there was neither sight nor sound of man there—only the horses and donkeys tied, and the tents as they were.’ Then the gatekeepers called out, and it was told to the king’s household within.”
-II Kings 7:3-11 (AMPC)

No one settles for an average life when an extraordinary one is available and accessible.

Self-dissatisfaction lies at the root of our greatest and highest achievements.

The Church at large has lost its passion, its vision, its power, and thus its influence.

Of all the things God has at His disposal, He chooses to use four lepers to deliver Samaria from their siege mentality.

Always in His Kingdom, it is the message, more so than the messenger, that is most important in spiritual conquest.

God never consults your past when He determines to use you for a Kingdom purpose. He doesn’t check your spiritual temperature or your ability. He simply demands your availability.

He’s just looking for those who are all-in to His Kingdom, fully surrendered to His Holy Spirit, living, walking, talking, righteous servants.

It is a sin not to wake up, get up, and show up for Him every day.

The lepers chose a seize mentality instead of a siege mentality. Samaria was delivered from a siege mentality – not by an army, but by four lepers who opted for a seize mentality.

Here, we see the effects of two powerful life-altering concepts that pervade Christianity –
Spiritual existence
Spiritual conquest

Spiritual existence takes little effort and requires little resistance. Just repent, get your name in the Book of Life. Don’t rattle any cages. Don’t march against Hell. Don’t take the Kingdom by force. Just peacefully coexist with evil. Accept something less than God’s best. Live with a siege mentality. Just try to hold on. Stay on this side of the Jordan.

Spiritual conquest means we go to the enemy’s camp and take back what was stolen from us.

We take the Kingdom by force. We are more than conquerors. We live with a seize mentality.

Other Scripture References: Joshua 7:1, 7 (AMPC)

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