

Spiritual Warfare, Healing & Deliverance

Part-2

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All of this armor is not just a passive protection in facing the Enemy; it is to be used offensively against these satanic forces. Note Paul’s final directive: we are to be “*praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit* (v. 18). Thus, prayer is not so much a weapon, or even a part of the armor, as it is the means by which we engage in the battle itself and the purpose for which we are armed. To put on the armor of God is to pre-prepare for battle. Prayer is the battle itself, with God’s Word being our chief weapon employed against Satan during our struggle.”

Supernatural Infusion of Strength

Eph. 6:10a TPT “*Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength **through your life-union with the Lord Jesus.***” **SFLB note** on **vv. 10-20**, “Reminded that believers draw their strength from the Lord & His power, this final section warns that our life in

the world involves standing strong against evil powers aligned against us.”

Eph. 6:10b *“Stand victorious with the force (or “weapons”) of His explosive power flowing in and through you.*

If this study were a “recipe mix,” one indispensable ingredient would read, “**Courage required.**” Remember Prov. 18:1 TPT -

*“Guilty criminals (NKJV “the wicked”) experience **paranoia** even though no one threatens them. But the innocent lovers of God, because of righteousness, will have the boldness (or “confidence”) of a young, ferocious lion!”* **Paranoia (Webster’s:** *“a tendency on the part of an individual or group toward excessive or irrational suspiciousness and distrustfulness of others.”)* **is a part of the curse of not keeping covenant with God.** Sin brings timidity; timidity reveals our carnality. Keep covenant – dispel fear!

In your spiritual warfare, be sure to incorporate into your thinking 2 Tim. 1:7 NKJV: *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a **sound mind**”.* **TPT** *“For God will never give you **the spirit of fear** (cowardice; **note:** “That is, fearing man. The fear of God prevents us from fearing others.”), but the Holy Spirit Who gives you mighty power, love, and **self-control** (**note:** “The Aramaic can also be translated “revelation-light,” or “instruction.”). ***WW “Sound mind,”** *sophronismos*: A combination of *sos*, “safe,” and *phren*, “the mind”; hence, safe-thinking. The word denotes good judgment, disciplined thought patterns, and the ability to understand and make right decisions. It includes the qualities of self-control and self-discipline.”*

Prov. 29:25 NKJV *“The fear of man brings a **snare**, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be **safe** (“secure,” literally “set on high”).”* **TPT:** *“Fear and intimidation is a trap that holds you back. But when you place your confidence in the Lord, you will be seated in the high place (Eph. 2:6 TPT “He has raised us up with*

Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with Him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!"; **note:** "To be *"placed"* or *"seated"* in heaven means we have been given the perfection & authority to be there."."

The fear of man is an excessive concern of what people might do or what other people think, and can be a trap that stops our ability to act in the way God desires. This can lead to a lack of spiritual productivity, compromised values, and decisions that are poorly made.

The fear of man is:

- The seeking of the **approval of man** more than the approval of God, thus making the opinions of man the most important measure of our actions or worth. This could very well lead to the compromise of our moral convictions (i.e. sexually or taking bribes) in order to gain approval or avoid criticism.
- The fear of man is a form of **insecurity** because we are measuring our sense of self-worth or value by the affirmation of others instead of by what God's Word says about us. This can prevent us from speaking boldly (i.e. Lance Walnau's son at U.N.), sharing our faith, or doing random acts of kindness.
- Another trap of the fear of man is that it causes our focus to shift from eternal values to the **temporal opinions and physical security** provided by the world if we compromise.

Mark 5:1-15 **Deliverance of the Demoniac** – release into a **right mind: WW** (*dianoia* [dee-an-oy-ah]). "Literally, *"a thinking through"* suggesting understanding, insight, meditation,

reflection, perception, the gift of apprehension, the faculty of thought. When this faculty is renewed by the Holy Spirit, the whole mind-set changes from the fearful negativism of the carnal mind to the vibrant, positive thinking of the quickened spiritual mind.”

Psa. 37:39-40 NKJV “*But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in the time of trouble. 40. And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.*” Our help, deliverance & salvation/healing come from the Lord because we “...trust and **take refuge** in Him. (AMPC).” **Example:**

Mark 4:36-41 TPT tells the story of Jesus asleep in the boat in the middle of a storm, “*That same day, after it grew dark, **Jesus said** to His disciples, “Let’s cross over to the other side of the lake.” 36. Leaving the crowd behind, the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took Him with them. Other boats sailed with them. 37. Suddenly, as they were crossing the lake, a ferocious storm arose, with violent winds and waves that were crashing into the boat until it was nearly swamped.*” **TPT note:** “This gale of wind and ferocious tempest was demonic in nature, as Jesus was about to confront a powerful principality on the other side of the lake (See Mark 5:1-20.) Jesus would not have rebuked the storm if it was from God. The devil knew that if Jesus crossed to the other side, he would cast out the demon horde that had long terrorized the entire region.”

Vv. 38-40 “*But Jesus was calmly sleeping in the stern, resting on a cushion. 39. So they shook Him awake, saying, “Teacher, don’t you even care that we are all about to die!” Fully awake, He rebuked the storm & shouted to the sea, “Hush! Be still!”* (In Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, it is “Peace. Submit to the

will of God!"). All at once the wind stopped howling and the water became perfectly calm. 40. Then He turned to His disciples & said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Haven't you learned to trust yet?" 41. But they were overwhelmed with fear and awe and said to one another, "Who is this Man who has such authority that even the wind and waves obey Him?"*

***SFLB WW** Rom. 6:17 NKJV *"But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered."* **"Obey**, hupakouo: *"To hear as a subordinate, listen attentively, obey as a subject, answer & respond, submit without reservation. Hupakouo was used particularly of servants who were attentive to the requests made of them and who complied. The word thus contains the ideas of hearing, responding, and obeying."*

John 8:31-32 **TPT note:** *"The truth Jesus gives us releases us from the bondage of our past, the bondage of our sins, and the bondage of religion. Jesus was speaking these words to those who were not fully free from man's traditions. Truth must be embraced & worked out through the divine process of spiritual maturity. The Greek word for "truth" is reality. To embrace the reality of Christ brings more freedom into your life. See the book of Galatians for a clear explanation of the freedom Jesus referred to here."*

Spiritual Warfare is the Consequence of Holy Spiritual Roots

Col. 2:7 TPTa "Your spiritual roots go deeply into His life as you are continually infused with strength, encouraged in every way."

Eph. 3:17 TPT *"Then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you and the resting place of His love will become the very source & root of your life."* **Your faith > releases Christ's life deep inside you, then > that**

resting place of His love > becomes the very source & root of your life!

Let's make a faith declaration together: "My faith > releases Christ's life deep inside me > then that resting place of His love deep inside me > becomes the very source & root of my life."

Where Does True Faith Come From?

Your faith in Christ initiates or releases Christ's life in you, but where does this true faith come from? It comes from one source only – Rom. 10:17 **TPT** *"Faith, then, is birthed in a heart that responds to God's anointed utterance of the Anointed One."*

AMPC *"So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself)."* Let's trust & obey fully!