

Deborah's Song

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Spiritual Warfare

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Mark 4:35-41 35 On that day, when evening came, He said to them, "**Let us go over to the other side.**" 36 Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and *other boats were with Him*. 37 And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. **38 Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"** 39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. **40 And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"** 41 They became very much *afraid* and said to one another, "**Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"**

- What did Jesus promise? Let's go to the other side.
- The boat was sinking.
- Jesus was asleep
- "Don't You care?"
- Why are you afraid?
- Why do you still have no faith?
- Who is this that the wind and sea obey Him?

Isa 40:27-31 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"? 28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The **Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.** 29 He gives strength to the weary, And to [him who] lacks might He increases power. 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 Yet those **who wait for the LORD** Will gain new strength; They will mount up [with] wings like eagles (taken out of circumstance), They will run and not get tired (endurance, second wind, in trial), They will walk and not become weary (divine encouragement God does not change the circumstance, but He gives you the strength to go through it).

Dr. Tony Evans recently stated: You can ask God a question (seeking an answer, God may or may not answer), but we shouldn't question God. Meaning we can seek to understand what is going on, but to question God is to challenge Him. When we challenge God, He will not allow a challenge. See his sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8A26qdp3Yk>

Wait on the Lord: Hebrew: To plait the hair. They intertwine sections of hair in a tight way. Tightly tied together no long subject to the blowing wind. Like a rope with intertwined strands. Do not passively sit and wait, but intertwine your life in God so that everything is wrapped and intertwined with Him. You don't get intertwined by 2 hours a week at church. Everything is to be intertwined every day.

If we are intertwined with God, we will not blow randomly in the wind! Do not go outside of God to fix it! The more strands in a rope, the stronger it is. This is abiding.

Rom 6:1-3 1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? 2 **May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?** 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Beware if you have a “candy machine” salvation. Have you died to sin? Do you have some favorites, that you think God will not care? Are you a baby or a disciple? Are you a meat eater, or only drink milk?

SATAN’S BATTLE FOR OUR MINDS THROUGH FEAR AND LIES:

1 John 2:15-16 15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

We see these three lusts in just about every sin. Jesus was tempted with hunger, wealth, and power. In the Garden Eve saw that the fruit was good for food, was pleasing to the eye, and good to make one wise. A question to ask when I am tempted, am I afraid if I do not get what I want, what will happen? Or what lies do I believe about others or myself?

James 1:12-17 12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which [the Lord] has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. 15 Then when **lust** has conceived, it gives birth to **sin**; and when **sin** is accomplished, it brings forth **death**. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. **Earlier in Chapter 1, we need to pray for wisdom, I neglect to do that when I make a bad decision. And I’m not so hot about the joy stuff either.**

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned (death means separation from God)

What are the most deceptive spiritual warfare issues? Fear and lies.

2 Cor 10:3-5 - 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 [We are] destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the **knowledge** of God, and [we are] taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

Psalm 4:4

Tremble, (*with fear or anger*) and do not sin; Meditate (*speak in your mind, prayer*) in your heart upon your bed, and be still (*wait in quiet meditation*).

Psalm 56:3-4

3 When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.
4 In God, whose word I praise,
In God I have put my trust;
I shall not be afraid.
What can [mere] man do to me?

Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the defense of my life;
Whom shall I dread?

Fear of the Lord v. Being afraid. **Dread** is a good word for our anxiety. "anticipate with great apprehension or fear." To fear God is to reverence Him. I fear You, Lord because I love You.

Matt 6:25, 33-34 25 "For this reason I say to you, do not be **worried** about your life, [as to] what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, [as to] what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "**So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.** Not easy to do. I strive to catch myself EARLY when I start worrying.

What does seeking Him first look like? Pray without ceasing, live abiding in surrender to HS.

1 John 5:4-5 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, **but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

Lies:

Psalm 3:2-5 (David fleeing from Absalom)

2 Many are saying of my soul,
"There is no deliverance for him in God." **(That is a lie)**
3 But You, O LORD, are a **shield** about me,
My glory, and the One who lifts my head. **(God is David's glory.)**
4 I was crying to the LORD with my voice,
And He answered me from His holy mountain.
5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustains me.

Rom 1:21-23, 25-32 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became **futile in their speculations**, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 **Professing to be wise, they became fools**, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. ... 25 **For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator**, who

is blessed forever. Amen. 28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a **depraved mind**, to do those things which are not proper.....**those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.**

How about a self exam?: (Col 3 and Eph 4 also have some very convicting lists)

Gal 5:16-21 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. **18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.** 19 Now the deeds of the **flesh** are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who **practice** (*active present tense=lifestyle*) such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

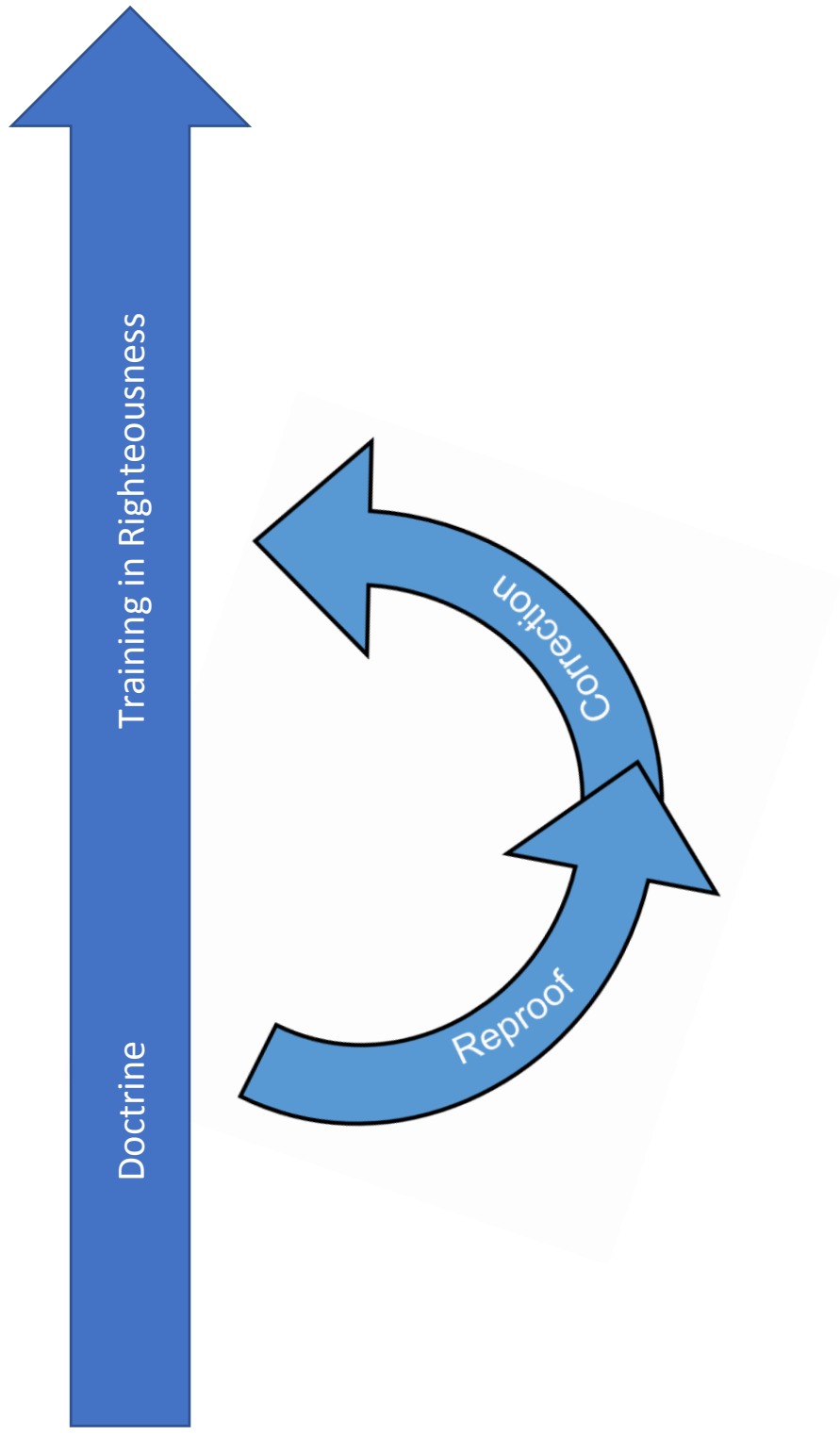
Gal 5:22-26 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control**; against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have **crucified the flesh with its passions and desires**. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another. Are we in holy jealousy? Do we constantly compare ourselves? Do we “like” our spiritual gift? Or not like it?

Beware of drifting. King Solomon is a really good example. The wisest man on earth failed.

Deut 17:14-20 **Laws for a king, Solomon broke every one, except he was Jewish.**

- “I will set a king over me **like all the nations** who are around me”, (Jews speaking)
- you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.
- he shall not **multiply horses** for himself,
- nor shall he cause the people to **return to Egypt to multiply horses**, (Guilty)
- He shall not **multiply wives** for himself, (1000+, Solomon!)
 - or else **his heart will turn away**; (Solomon committed idolatry)
- nor shall he greatly **increase silver and gold** for himself. (Very wealthy)
- he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.
- "It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life,
 - that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes,
 - that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and
 - that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left,
 - so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

KNOW YOUR WORD: 2 TIM 3:16 The best protection is to know what you believe. Protect yourself with truth. Aspire to live surrendered to the truth God reveals. Love, sin etc.



How do I minister in church, my daily life? Look at the three lusts here. Am I a divider? Unifier?

James 4:1-10 1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? 2 You **lust** and do not have; [so] you commit murder. You are **envious** and cannot obtain; [so] you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. (*Pride?*) 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend [it] on your **pleasures**. 4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "**He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us**"? 6 **But He gives a greater grace**. Therefore [it] says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

False teachers. Watch for dilution of the gospel.

Eph 4:14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

2 Pet 2:1-3 1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, **who will secretly introduce destructive heresies**, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in [their] greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

2 Tim 4:1-5 - 1 I solemnly charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season [and] out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. **3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but [wanting] to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.** 5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Jude 1:4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, **ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.**

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

Demons: Who is the Lord?

James 2:19 You believe that God is one. You do well; **the demons also believe, and shudder.**

Mark 5:5-8 (Demon possessed man) 5 Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones. 6 Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; 7 and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "**What business do we have with**

each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!" 8 For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

How do we anchor our hope?

By being overcomers.

Rev 2:7, 10-11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21

- *I will grant to eat of the tree of life* (return to Eden before the fall=redemption from presence of sin) which is in the Paradise of God.'
- *I will give you the crown of life* (award given to winning athletes).
- *will not be hurt by the second death.* (no Lake of Fire).
- *I will give [some] of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.* (stone of victory, new name=intimate relationship with God).
- *TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;* (Rule with Him)
- *clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.* **White** was also the color of triumph to the Romans, so the **white** garments spoke of the believer's ultimate triumph in Jesus...
- *I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.*
- *I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.* Represents a faithful city servant or distinguished priest. Rev 21:7 *will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.*

Rev 19:20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

Rev 20:1-3 1 Then I saw an **angel** coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut [it] and sealed [it] over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. Only one angel has power over Satan.

Rev 20:10 And the **devil who deceived them** was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

How are we to respond? What do we need to know, and how should we fight? Don't be Solomon-a's.

Rev 12:10-11 - 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 **"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.**

James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ABIDE IN SURRENDER!
Pray without ceasing.

Eph 6:10-18, 20 Commands are active/middle voice, power is passive (as comes from God)

10 Finally, be **strong** (inwardly strengthened, passive voice)

in the Lord and in the **strength** (manifested power) of His **might**. (Strength afforded by power)

11 Put on the full armor of God,

so that you will be able to stand firm against **the schemes of the devil**.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, (*I have trouble with this=people*)

but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against **the spiritual [forces] of wickedness** in the heavenly [places.]

13 Therefore, take up the **full** armor of God, Aorist active imperative=a command

- so that you will be able to **resist** in the evil day,
- and **having done everything**, to *stand firm*.
- 14 *Stand firm* therefore,

- HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH **TRUTH**, *Protect my knowledge/beliefs*
- and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, *Protect my heart, emotions*
- 15 and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF **PEACE**; *Does my behavior reflect the gospel?*
- 16 in addition to all, taking up **the shield of faith** with which you will be **able** (future middle) to extinguish **all** the flaming arrows of the evil [one.] *Defend against lies*
- 17 And take THE HELMET OF **SALVATION**, *Protect my mind with assurance of salvation*
- and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**. *Fight back like Jesus*
- 18 With all prayer and petition **pray at all times in the Spirit**, *Live abiding*
- and with this in view, **be on the alert** with all *perseverance and petition* for all the saints, ...*Keep my guard up, recognize lies and fear.*
- 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in [proclaiming] it **I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak**. *Goal: Enlist others to join the kingdom*

