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# WE WALK WITH GOD

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#### YOUR ADVERSARY

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, men ought always to pray and not to faint." (Luke 18: 1) Jesus had been teaching His disciples and now He wanted to let them know that there was coming a time when it would be easy to faint. The word "faint" in the Greek means "To be weak" "To fail in heart." Jesus knew that the disciples were going to be faced with fiery trials that could cause them to lose heart.

Then He gave them the parable of the judge and the widow who kept troubling him because she wanted to be avenged of her adversary. In other words she was being harassed and worn out. She wanted the judge to arrest her adversary and bring peace back into her life.

From the time of our birth in the earth, we have fought an adversary that continually tries to bring us down to our grave. Even before we knew God, our adversary has been at work to depress us, overpower us physically, mentally and spiritually. We were born to overcome and to triumph over death and the grave. This is why God has built us with a powerful desire to live called "self preservation."

Each one who reads this has a powerful story to tell about times when they almost died and somehow made it through. From the time of my birth, my adversary has tried to snuff out my life. He first tried to bring me down mentally by the events that took place in my young life and when that did not work, he hit me physically and almost won. Does this sound familiar to anyone? From our beginnings in this world we may have been unaware that we had a fierce adversary who was out to kill us. This adversary is in our natural genes. He is part of our Adamic man. He is violent, ruthless and relentless. He is not playing games, he is for real. Some do not believe that there is a devil, but Jesus spoke of him openly and as we mature in the Lord this adversary is pulled out of his hiding place and revealed in all of his craftiness and subtlety. He is the one who is at enmity against God and who can never be made subject to God's law or word.

Paul recognized him as the carnal mind. He is the one who sits in the temple of God making himself to be God. He is the SELF who rules our house until we turn ourselves over to Christ our Savior and He becomes Christ our Lord.

Peter gives a good lesson concerning our adversary. He addresses the elders among us and he exhorts them to never lord over God's people. They have been given power because of their ability to rule and to teach the word, but this should never be done with pride or self-exultation.

Peter states, "...be clothed with humility:for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." (I Pet.5: 5b-6) Then Peter writes, "Be sober, be diligent; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." (Vs.8)

We often quote this verse thinking of the roaring lion as any strong force that comes against us. But Peter was talking about a specific adversary, "PRIDE." This is the foe who seeks us out to devour us. He waits for our weak moments when our souls become lifted up about our accomplishments in God and he takes a bite out of us by bringing us under guilt and condemnation.

Peter continues the teaching. He as much as declares that we cannot escape being faced with this foe, and he tells us to RESIST him steadfastly in the faith knowing that all our brethren are in this fight as well. Then he gives us the wonderful news. As we continue daily to resist, "The God of all grace, who has called us unto his eternal glory by Jesus Christ, <u>after that ye have suffered a while</u>, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (Vs.10-11)

Yes, the God of all grace is allowing the suffering to continue a while for a purpose. He is as the judge who was delaying the action to stop the woman's adversary. The God of all grace is bringing us to perfect maturity. He is using the daily harassing of our adversary as an instrument to establish us deeper in the faith. As we resist daily, we build our faith muscles and we become strong in the Spirit. This is an eternal work of God in us.

So Jesus said that men ought always to pray and not faint, then he gave the parable of the woman and her adversary. This woman speaks of the church and also of the individual soul who is daily vexed by this foe. Jesus exhorted us to not lose heart and He explained that it will take time. The woman had to repeatedly seek the judge to stop her aggressor.

The day finally arrived when the judge had to hear her. And then He declared, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh shall he find faith in the earth?" (Vs.7-8)

We are literally in the fight of our lives. The adversary is using every ruse that he knows to enter our house and defeat us. He uses pain in our bodies, the economy of our country, the daily discovery of the betrayal of those we have trusted with our children or with our savings, the violence in the world and the wickedness of the leaders. Then he turns our minds on the floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, wild fires, hurricanes, tsunamis and all the natural disasters over which we have no power, to prove that God does not care about us and to rob us of our faith. Jesus warned of these things and so we REFUSE TO BE DISCOURAGED. We steadfastly continue to believe that God is bringing redemption to the world through Jesus Christ.

As we continue to stand and declare that He lives within us, we hear the Spirit through Isaiah, "NO WEAPON THAT IS FORMED AGAINST THEE SHALL PROSPER; AND EVERY TONGUE THAT SHALL RISE AGAINST THEE IN JUDGMENT THOU SHALT CONDEMN. THIS IS THE HER-ITAGE OF THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD, AND THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS OF ME, SAITH THE LORD." (Isa.54: 17)

As we refuse to bend our knee to the reasonings of the world and to the image that has been raised in the streets of Babylon (worldly church), we are being transformed into the very image of the Son of God.

### IT IS ALL OF HIM

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (Jn 15:16)

Jesus reveals something that many are not willing to receive and that is: God works through chosen people. He chose His disciples and three among them were closer to him. God chose Israel to be His chosen people and among them He chose His priesthood. Paul brings this out as he writes that God chose Israel and gave them the law, the covenants, the promises and the services of God. He reminds us that Jesus Christ in the flesh came through Israel.

But then he says, "...For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel." (Rom 9: 6b) Then he explains, "Neither because they are the seed of Abraham are *they all children: but in Isaac shall thy seed be called.*" (Vs.7) The seed is IN ISAAC. The seed is in Christ. We may have Christ in us and not be IN CHRIST. As He passes us through the fire we enter into Christ. The frivolous easy Gospel of Christendom does not teach this.

God loves all and gave His Son for all, but not all have the same calling. The "mega" churches that we see are the works of man and not of God. God has never worked with many; He always works with the few. When Gideon was called to defeat Midian, one of the most powerful enemy of Israel, thirty-two thousands joined up to battle.

But God told Gideon, "The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, **lest Israel vaunt themselves** against me, saying 'Mine own hand hath saved me, now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousands; and there remained ten thousand." (Jud.7: 2-3)

Gideon was already insecure because he felt he was not qualified for this task. He had laid out fleeces before the Lord to make sure he had really heard from God and now when he had a good following, God cut their numbers down to a frightful few. Still... that was not enough...

"And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there..." (Vs.4a) And God tried them. Every man was tried by the way he drank the water. Those who bowed down on their knees to drink the water were sent home. While those who lapped the water with their tongues were chosen. "And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water." (Vs.6)

God does not trust in numbers. He separated the fearful and afraid out of their midst and He chose those who were ready to move on quickly. If they were caught by surprise, they did not need to raise themselves up from the ground, they were ready to go. What's more this small number declared that the power was in God and not in men.

## FROM VICTORY TO VICTORY

When Israel's army faced Goliath, the giant from the camp of the Philistines, they were "*dismayed and greatly afraid*." (I Sam.17: 11b) There stood Saul's entire army fully clad in their armors and armed to the teeth, shaking in front of the uncircumcized giant who was threatening them.

But God had His man ready. David had not come to fight, he was bringing food to his brethren. But when he saw what was happening he was fired up. He knew his God. He had walked with Him while he kept his father's sheep. He had fought the lion and the bear with his bare hands and he knew that the God who delivered him then would also deliver them from this defying giant.

At Saul's insistence, David put on the heavy armor but right away he knew that he could never fight with that on his back. So he took it off and faced the giant with his trusted sling shot and five smooth stones. "Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou has defied." (Vs.45)

All of the doctrines, programs and fellowships of the church (Saul's armor) cannot protect us or help us fight our giants. It is as God renews a right spirit within each one, and teaches us His ways that we conquer and kill our giants.

I remember a vivid dream that I had in my first few years on this walk. In the dream "I was entering an area where a boxing contest was set up. In the rink stood a strong man with an impressive physic, nervously jogging in place, ready to fight. He looked merciless and menacing. Then from the back of the stadium came a man down the aisle. As I look I see that it was my husband Michael. He was dressed in little boxing shorts with boxing gloves on, and compared to the boxer in the rink, he looked pale, thin, weak and incapable of taking on such an adversary. But as he walked down the aisle toward the rink, he kept repeating, You come in the name of your god, but I come in the name of the Lord my God!" (End of dream).

As we walked with the Lord, we have faced and conquered many giants in the Name of Jesus. Over time we have learned to trust in that Name (nature within). Our battles are no different than when David fought the lion and the bear with his hands. God proved over and over again that He is the Lord of Hosts (Lord of the Armies). We may feel fragile and feeble in front of the giants that rise up before us, but as we take hold of our faith, the God of the Armies of heaven rises within to defeat the foes that come to defy us each day.

God's purpose is not only to deliver us each time, but it is designed to build our spiritual muscles for the battle of the end time. It is as we have experienced God's deliverance in our lives over and over again that our faith has been built so that we can stand in front of the last giants which are death and the grave, and declare without hesitation, "You come in the name of your god, but we come in the Name of the Lord our God."

Beloved, some of us have walked with Him many years, some less, but we have all been tested and if we believe that God has called us to defeat the last enemies- death and the grave, then we have His name engraved upon our hearts and minds and we have been chosen and armed with these truths in our spiritual sling shot to defeat this Goliath forever.

Satan, has set up his kingdoms in the world. He has deceived his multitudes. He has planted fear in the hearts of even devoted Christians. Today, the world, including Christians, is waiting to be delivered from pain and misery through death and the grave. Some take their own lives early, others wait for a rapture in the sky. Others just hope for the best, but only a few have it in their hearts to face this last giant in the Name of the Lord who has delivered them from death so many times.

The thousands that returned in Gideon's day were

saved from their enemies because the few that God had chosen stood strong in the faith. The deliverance is not just for the few, but it is accomplished by the faith of a few. I am convinced that the day for this deliverance is here. Each who has walked close to their God have been chosen for this purpose.

The armor of Saul will not work for us. None of the doctrines and means of the worldly church is suitable to build us in the faith. It takes the five smooth stones which are the truths we have gathered from the streams of God's Spirit that flows from His many earthen vessels.

The Goliath that we all fight is the unbelief that has a hold of our minds. The stones that defeat him are the truths that come from the Spirit and renews our minds into the mind of Christ. When we stand in the truth, we defeat whatever giant provokes and defies us each day. The world around us and the brethren who are taught that the Gospel is no more than the good news that when we die we go to heaven, are part of the arrogant giant that comes to defeat our stand against death and the grave.

I am reminded of an interview I watched recently. During that time this very famous preacher spoke of the power of prayer and the miracles that he had witnessed, but at no time did he mention Jesus or the cross or the Father. He raised his eyes up to the Creator and urged everyone to call on God the Creator. Yet this man's following is in the thousands.

Paul had caught the vision. He wrote, "*The last* enemy that shall be destroyed is death." (I Cor.15: 26) This is a most powerful verse. Jesus defeated sin and death on the cross. Then He sent us the same Spirit of holiness that raised Him from the dead. It is that same Spirit in our mortal bodies that fully overcomes death and the grave.

God does not need to convince the whole world of this. This is not a word for evangelizing. He needs a few chosen ones who will stand strong and not be afraid. He has found His sons and will soon make manifest the power of His resurrection through them. The world will not be convinced by more sermons or amazing meetings. It is when they see with their own eyes, that the Christ of God, His new creation has now come through the veil to stand upon the earth, that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that of a truth, Jesus Christ is Lord.

### THE SPIRIT OF BABEL

Today, many who have heard the word of the manifestation of the sons of God, believe in it but still try to bring it to pass their own way. Some are working hard at "evangelizing" this truth to the world. This may be done with good intentions but they do not know God's ways. God is training His little flock in the secret place. The result of setting these truths in the hands of multitudes would be the forming of more denominations.

I remember a dream that I had years ago when the Lord pulled us out of the group we had been joined to for a season. In the dream "I was standing outside of a large church. The doors were open and I could see all the people inside. Then the service was over and the people began walking in file out of their pews and down the aisles toward the doors. As they walked they were singing a song over and over again. They sang, "We are united, we are one! In the dream I knew that this was an abomination to God." (End of dream)

For a long time, I could not understand that dream. We had always been taught that we were to become "One." I remember a song we actually sang, "Lord make us one! Lord make us one!" Then came the teaching on being "Corporate." I thought that perhaps I was rebellious because that teaching never really set well with me. So I put it on the shelf and waited.

As the Lord continued to speak and to lead I realized that what He was doing throughout the Body of Christ was to physically separate His people while spiritually gathering them unto Himself. I knew that this was what He had done for me and I saw the same thing repeated in the lives of those He brought into my life. When I began to write these publications, I knew that I would be writing to His "Hidden ones." Truly the words of the beautiful song we like to sing takes on new meaning in view of what He has done in our lives, *"You captivate my heart, my life you set apart..."* The meaning of the word "saint" is to be separated for a divine purpose. I find that it is without self-effort but by His Spirit that the Lord does the wonderful work of separating the saints unto Himself. Now we are not only one with His Spirit, but we are one with the Christ in one another. This is a bond that cannot be broken and a stream that the flesh can no longer pollute.

While we are being gathered as one in Christ, the entire world system is being united by the World Wide Web. The name is so apropos, it fits perfectly. The world is caught in the web of the Prince of the the power of the air. Through this unity it is becoming powerful in exerting its way throughout the world. The respect for authority is being replaced by the brute force of the mobs. This is the spirit of Babel.

In the times of Nimrod, God tore down the system of that day, the tower that had been raised to unite them with the Prince of this world and reach the powers heaven. At the time "*The whole earth was* of one language, and of one speech." (Gen.11:1) Then they said, "..Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven: and <u>let us</u> <u>make us a name</u>, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." (Vs.4)

Was the Lord in agreement with this? Here is what He said, "And the Lord said, behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrain from them, which they have imagined to do." (Vs.6)

This is the mentality of today's world. It is the mentality of the new world order. It is the opposite of what our God is doing. Men with the same revelation, the same doctrine, the same vision the same goal, unite in mobs to find brute strength in their numbers. God is coming against these organized powers and He is bringing down the imaginations of nations and denominations of men everywhere.

Our unity in Christ has nothing to do with the arm of the flesh. Yes, we are taught of God by the same Spirit, but the Spirit is leading us by His own Hand and He is not building mega churches and large conferences anywhere. God is moving in the hearts of the few that gather together in His name by the Spirit. "God hath chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." (I Cor. 1: 27)

In her latest writings, Rosemary Garzon shares a significant dream. She writes, "I dreamed of standing with a group of people, when suddenly a man with a gun appeared. He was furious- full of anger and wrath. He seemed almost insane. He looked at me and began chasing me down the streets and around buildings. I remember at one point saying, "Don't shoot me!"

I ran into a building and then into a room where on the right side I saw a closet which had no dooronly drapes hanging in the doorway. I knew the man had not entered the building yet, so I ran into the closet. There were many things in the closet I could have hidden under; but I knew he was about to come in so I stood perfectly still. I looked down at my feet and realized they might possibly be visible for the drapes did not touch the floor. As he came into the room searching for me, I knew I must remain completely quiet until he left." (End of dream)

Rosemary explains, "I got up for a while, and as I lay down again I heard in my spirit, 'Hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.' from Isa.26:20-" She continues by saying that this does not pertain to hiding our physical bodies, but hiding our true identity from the world. Look at the end of this publication for Rosemary's address where you can send for her entire paper of Nov. Dec.2011- You will be blessed.

The Lord has truly set us apart. He has pulled us out of the old mainstream religions as well as from groups who have become new "denominations." He has not hidden us by sending us to an actual desert; He hides us in the midst of the world where we live.

The curtain that hides us is the covering of His

Spirit. As His feet company we still face the serpent whose head we are called to bruise each day. So we are still exposed to danger, but He keeps us from harm as we remain completely still under His covering, He is our refuge and our fortress indeed.

We are safe because we know Him and we are known of Him. We are safe because we walk with Him daily. The man with the gun is the robber and the murderer. He is the one who is out to take our faith away from us and to drag us down to the realm of death. But we have a safe place in the closet of God's Holy Spirit.

# THE WALK OF THE FEET THROUGH THE FIRE

How many times have we sang this song, "Hallelujah! I'm walking with the King!" And indeed it was true then and it is true now. All the words that we have heard and studied and that have witnessed to our spirits are great, but they have to pass through the fire.

John saw One in the midst of the Candlesticks, He was like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot. What John saw was the Body of Christ, clothed in the garments of the new priesthood. He describes, "And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters." (Rev.1: 15)

This is the Son of Man in His body. The feet are like unto fine brass. Brass is a type of the Law. The Law speaks of God's Word. This is the Word of God as fine brass as if burned in a furnace. Jesus fulfilled the Law. He knew that He was the Lamb of God and He took this revelation to the cross. Each member of His body is called to walk through the fire with the Word they receive, as He did.

Every revelation that is quickened within us has to be tested by fire. If the revelation that I receive has to do with a healing, I must experience pain and healing in my body. It is as we receive the Word and then experience it in our lives that we have more faith to receive a higher Word and a higher experience. The more we walk out the Word that He gives us, the more we trust Him for the next one.

Today, the Word that we keep hearing in the Spirit is of overcoming death and the grave. As we have walked each Word that He has given us in the past through the fire, and He has never failed us, we have come to the point of fully trusting Him. The feet of the Body are of burnished fine brass. The Word of overcoming death and the grave is given to the feet and is now set to pass through the fire.

Time and again He has proven Himself to us. I did not know Him until I was thirty years old, but He knew me and proved Himself to me long before that. We all could write a book about His faithfulness and His goodness, for His purpose is always to build our faith and our trust in Him as He reveals Himself to us.

I was five years old when I received the first significant dream that I remember. I could never forget that dream. "I was in my hometown in the suburbs of Paris France. I was walking in the underway passage that crosses under the tracks of the Railroad Station. When I came out on the other side, I looked and instead of the usual trains on the tracks, I see a huge ship with flowers and palm trees on the decks. Flags were flying, bands were playing and much festivities were going on. I knew that I was going to board that ship." (End of dream)

At that age I had never seen a "ship." I had seen palm trees in Southern France but I was told that I was to get on that "ship" and that it would take me to a very far country. Although I never forgot the dream, it was never on my mind after that.

It was when I was thirty years old that I met the Lord and realized that the dreams had been from Him all along. He had prepared me for my life in this country and in Florida. There are other significant dreams that I remember when I did not know Him but He knew me.

There was a dream I had about DDay shortly before it actually happened. "I saw airplanes flying low and all around everywhere. They were not the usual German plane that we saw. They were twoseater fighter planes. They were khaki color and had a star on the fuselage. One of them came so close that I saw the pilot's big blue eyes." (End of dream) I told the dream to my father who advised me not to tell it to anyone. It was a little later that we heard about the Normandy landing of the British and American troops. This had been a top secret mission. No one had known about it except the high command. Why did God see fit to give me this dream? It was a few months later that I met the GI I married and saw the same beautiful blue eyes of the pilot in my dream.

When I was about twelve years old, (I did not keep records of my dreams then) I dreamed that I was on a ship arriving in a strange, huge city. I had never heard of NYC. During the German occupation, French school did not teach about America or England; not even in geography. In the dream "It was a very dark night but I was looking in the distance at the lit up skyline of a large city with very tall buildings. I was afraid but I heard a comforting voice saying, 'Be not afraid, you're in New York City now." (End of dream)

It was much later, on April 4, 1946 at one o'clock in the night that I stood on top deck of the S.S. Zebulon B. Vance, alone in a crowd of strangers, and looked in the distance to the skyline of NYC. I was cold and afraid as I pushed my hands into the pockets of my little fur jacket. But then I remembered the dream and heard the voice again, "*Be not afraid, you're in New York City.*"

One may wonder why I had such dreams. The importance of the dreams was the fact that they came to pass. I did not know God at the time, but He knew me and was doing a work within. He was teaching me to put my trust in Him. He was teaching me that He spoke through dreams and that I could trust them because I knew they were real and would come to pass.

Over the years there were many more dreams and I knew that I could trust them. I knew that I could not make them come to pass. The Lord taught me that I was not a fortune teller and that the dreams could not be used to predict the future or to lead anyone. He brought me to the place that I knew how He

speaks through dreams to teach, to admonish, to comfort, and to warn. When fearful things took place in my life, I knew that He had gone ahead of me.

Later, I met Jesus and I knew that He truly was the source of these dreams, He began to speak to me about His plans for creation through dreams. It is through a close walk with Him as He speaks to us in the way that He chooses for us that we learn to know Him and to trust Him. When someone once asked me in a derogatory way how I was so sure that I heard from God, I did not need to argue with them for "the man with the experience is never at the mercy of the man with the argument."

The Spirit of a dream from the Lord is never haughty or controlling. It will never lift up the flesh and it has a way to minister to the spirit. The Lord speaks in many other ways, each is designed for the individual person.

The Lord proves Himself to us through the love that He pours out each day or by the way He answers our prayers. His purpose is always to build our faith so that when we face the last enemy to be overcome which is death and the grave, we will not doubt Him. We will know that He is the One who has led us all the way to the final victory!

Trust in God is so vital because it is by faith that He is bringing His plan for His creation into being. It is by faith that He spoke the worlds into existence and it is by faith that each who was called out fulfilled their part in the plan.

"<u>By faith</u> Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony that he pleased God." (Heb.11: 5) "And Enoch walked with God and he was not; for God took him." (Gen.5: 24)

The word "translated" in the Greek means "to transport" to "exchange" to "change sides" to be "transferred." This is what happened to Enoch because of his faith. And his faith was built through walking with God for three hundred sixty and five years! Today, God is doing a quick work. It is through each one having learned to walk with God that the Body of Christ is coming to the place of full maturity or perfection. It is because of Enoch and Abraham and Sarah and Noah and Isaac and Jacob and Joseph and all those who walked with God and are registered in the Old and New Testament that we are coming to the end days and are about to experience the appearing of the Son in His body.

Christ was there from the beginning. He spoke to them through Moses and the prophets and He is the One who led them through the wilderness. He is the Rock that followed them and provided them with fresh water. He is the One who came in the womb of Mary and the One who laid His life on the cross. He is the One who was raised from the dead and He is the One who is arising in us by the Spirit.

He is the One who has been leading us and He is the water of life that springs up from within. He is the apostle in us and the prophet as well. His Spirit is the teacher and the Shepherd who never leads us astray. Men were given as ministries to awaken us and plant the seeds of truths in us. It is His Holy Spirit who is the true witness of His Word and who quickens us with new life.

As God separates us from the support systems that we have grown to love, let us not fear the power of His Holy Spirit to keep us from falling. "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." (Jude24-25)

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