

## BATTLE GROUNDS AND BATTLE PLANS

### 1 THESS 5

## I THESS 5: 4 – 9 PROTECT OUR HEARTS AND THOUGHTS

**4** But you, beloved brothers and sisters, are not living in the dark, allowing that day to creep up on you like a thief *coming to steal*. **5** For you are all children of the light and children of the day. We don't belong to the night nor to darkness. **6** This is why we must not fall asleep, as the rest do, but keep wide awake and clearheaded. **7** For those who are asleep sleep the night away, and drunkards get drunk at night. [d] **8** But since we belong to the day, we must stay alert and clearheaded by placing the breastplate of faith and love *over our hearts*, and a helmet of the hope of salvation *over our thoughts*. [g] **9** For God has not destined us to experience wrath but to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.

## VIGILANT AND AWAKE

1 THESS 5:4-9

We need to be awake and vigilant

Satan is de-feated and un-armed - but accuser

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters who relentlessly accused them day and night before our God, has now been *defeated*

REV 12: 10-12

Rev 19....WE ARE PART of God's army

## POSITION FROM WHICH WE FIGHT

- 1THESS 5: 10-11
- WE ARE SEATED WITH CHRIST IN HEAVENLY PLACES
- **10** He gave his life for us so that we may share in resurrection life[f] in union with him—whether we're awake or asleep ( on earth or in heaven). **11** Because of this, encourage the hearts of your fellow believers ( affirmation) and support one another, just as you have already been doing.( this is truly a reflection of what is going on in this church). Speaking the truth in love...
- 2 Cor 10:8
- I HAVE RECEIVED AUTHORITY TO BUILD YOU UP AND NOT BREAK YOU DOWN For it is the authority to help build you up, not tear you down.

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## PROTECT YOUR LEADERS

- 1 THESS 5:12-13
- **2** Dear brothers and sisters, make sure that you show your deep appreciation for those who cherish you and diligently work as ministers among you. For they are your leaders who care for you, teach you, and stand before the Lord on your behalf. **13** They value you with great love. Because of their service to you, let peace reign among yourselves.( anything to say 3 witnesses)
- THE FORE RUNNERS IN THIS CHURCH NEED TO BE PROTECTED...GENERALS WERE ALWAYS COVERED SURROUNDED AND SPOKEN FOR

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## HELP THE WEAK

- 1 Thess 5: 14 **14.** We appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, to instruct those who are not in their place of battle.[h] *Be skilled at* gently encouraging those who feel themselves inadequate.[i] *Be faithful* to stand your ground. (STICK TO THE RULES BUT LOVE AND AFFIRM IN THE PROCESS – ALSO WITH YOUR CHILDREN) Help the weak to stand again. *Be quick to demonstrate patience with everyone. ( VILELI GIRLS)*
- *Amalekites in the desert.*
- **PROHETIC WORDS OVER YOUR COLLEAGUES...**
- *Speak the truth in love..... and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free - help them get their breastplate of faith and love on again. Identity in Christ*

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## TWO DEADLY WEAPONS against the enemy

- Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Baptism in water
- One of the most important instructions and gentle encouragement we can give someone, is to assist them in baptism in the Holy Spirit and water baptism... Absence of these two tools, really dismantles ones battle position against our angry accuser
- Acts 10 Peter and Cornelius.
- Vileli girls




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## VINDICATION RECOMPENCE REVENGE

- **15** Resist revenge, and make sure that no one pays back evil in place of evil but always pursue doing what is beautiful to one another and to all *the unbelievers*.
  - *DEUTR 32:35* Vengeance is Mine, and recompense;
  - Romans 12:19 "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"[a] says the Lord
- ASK GOD FOR COMPENSATION FOR LOSSES 100 FOLD
- NOT REVENGE ON PEOPLE
- NOW WE PRAY FOR THE THIEF'S SALVATION

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## JOY WORSHIP AND PRAYER IS WARFARE

- and God's perfect plan for you
- **16** Let joy be your continual feast.- **17** Make your life a prayer - be joyful in your house of prayer**18** And in the midst of everything be always giving thanks, for this is God's perfect plan for you in Christ Jesus. Always have an attitude of gratitude giving thanks in all circumstances.
- The joy of the Lord is your strength Neh 8:10
- Pray constantly Rom 12:12 Commune with God at all times –
- Phil 4 even give thanks in advance

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## TWO POWERFUL WEAPONS TO STAND YOUR GROUND IN BATTLE

- HONORING THE HOLY SPIRIT
- HONORING PROPHECY OVER YOUR LIFE
- Never *restrain* or put out the fire of the Holy Spirit. **20** And don't be one who scorns prophecies, [I] **21** but be faithful to examine them by putting them to the test, and afterward hold tightly to what has proven to be right
- READ AND RECALL PROPHECIES OVER YOUR LIFE and let the Holy Spirit have His own way – ( Peter and Cornelius) EVEN IF IT FEELS WEIRD.
- **22** Avoid every appearance of evil.
- DEAL WITH EVIL STUFF IN YOUR LIFE....CONVICTION COMES FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## REST – AN AMAZING WEAPON OF WARFARE

- **23** Now, may the God of peace and harmony set you apart making you completely holy. And may your entire being—SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY—be kept completely flawless in the appearing of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.
- BIBLE – Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth
- Bible reading calendar
- Journal and bible you can handle – old school
- Place in your space where you set yourself apart
- Prov 1 passion translation: Here are kingdom revelations, words to live by, and words of wisdom given to empower you to reign in life. Those who cling to these words will receive discipline to demonstrate wisdom in every relationship[d] and choose what is right and just and fair

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## YOUR BATTLE BEAT : WHERE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW

- BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED...
  - V 24 The one who calls you by name is trustworthy and will thoroughly complete his work in you.
- AND HE HAS EQUIPED YOU THOROUGHLY FOR EVERY GOOD WORK HE HAS CALLED YOU TO MOUNTAIN MINISTRY...
- PRAYER AND PROPHECY OVER EACH OTHER
  - SALVATION AND BAPTISM IN WATER AND HOLY SPIRIT

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