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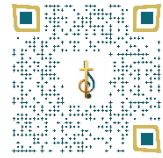
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I'm at war with my humanity

Trying to reclaim my sanity

Nothing in my veins but vanity

It's the same old same old

Back in the days before internet memes, there was a popular poster image of a person who had a man with a red devil complete with horns and a pitchfork sitting on one shoulder, and an angel in a white robe with a halo and wings on the other. It was an accurate depiction of our constant struggle between right and wrong. What are some of your biggest personal struggles between your flesh and your spirit?

Read and highlight the following verses. What does scripture say about this battle?

Galatians 5:17

Ecclesiastes 1:2 tells us that everything is vanity. We often think of vanity as narcissism, and while that is one of the definitions, another definition according to Webster's dictionary is

“futile” or “pointless”. That seems to be what Solomon was lamenting about in Ecclesiastes. The seemingly pointless struggle of life and futility of battling our own desires.

But scripture does give us a way out. How are we supposed to win these battles (Matthew 26:41)?

*You told me it's Your battle God
So I need You to fight*

Read and highlight Exodus 14:13-14. What is the backstory here?

In 2 Chronicles 20:17, God again promises to fight their battles.

The context of this is again a physical battle, but the strategy is the same for our spiritual battles.

1. Give it to God
2. Take up your positions
3. Stand firm
4. Don't get discouraged.

How are we supposed to 'take up your positions' and 'stand firm' in a spiritual fight? Read and highlight Ephesians 6:10-16 and discuss the full armor of God.

Let's break down the full armor and what it means.

The “belt of truth”. The primary function of a belt is to literally tie things together. Some translations read this as girding up the loins which referred to a warrior tucking the hem of his

garment up around his waist with a tactical belt that held all his necessary implements of war. For us, the Bible, prayer, and worship are our tools. We need to tuck the hem of our skirt or bell bottom jeans into our toolbelt... our truth-belt... so that we don't trip over the lies the world tells us.

The "breastplate of righteousness" protects vital organs, so that we don't die of internal injuries from an enemy's onslaught. In spiritual battle it refers to guarding our heart. Scripture tells us that our heart is deceitful. We protect it not by following our emotions, but by following Jesus and knowing what His will is.

"Feet fitted with the readiness of the gospel of peace". Readiness is not just a willingness to go out and teach the gospel, but refers to a steady and unwavering stance that comes from being connected to your foundation. Your foundation is the Word of God, and knowing it is your connection. Ya gotta have the right shoes on.

"Shield of faith". Remember in the lesson on Jon Reddick's song "No Fear", we talked about the fiery arrows that the enemy hits us with. Sometimes those are more like Molotov Cocktails that hit us where it hurts, mentally, physically and spiritually. They are designed to take us out of the game... to make us doubt God, to walk away from Him and prevent us from being a witness to others.

The "helmet of salvation" is our assurance of eternal life. This is a critical piece of equipment. Just as a Harley rider needs to protect his brain from being splattered on the concrete if he crashes, we need to protect our minds as command central in our spiritual lives. Our minds are the battlefield where the course of our life is at stake. So putting on the helmet of salvation involves replacing our old beliefs with a Biblical worldview, remembering that the momentary battle may be lost but the outcome of the war has already been won, and keeping our perspective fixed on the eternal rather than the "temporal" (our personal circumstances at any given moment.)

"The sword of the Spirit" is the Word of God, the Bible. It is used both defensively and offensively. The better we understand it, the better we are able to stand against the enemy.

Prayer, in verse 18, is often overlooked as a part of the spiritual armor. In military terms, this is called COMMS, which is your communication system. This includes all manner of conveying information and without it, it's not possible to coordinate actions on the battlefield. On the spiritual battlefield, we communicate with God via prayer and worship, and He communicates with us through His Word and the direction of the Holy Spirit. You need your COMMS.

*'Cause if I'm gonna live
Then there's some things that need to die
My ego, my pride, My grip on my life
Throw it all into the fire, And leave no survivors*

What does it mean, that some things have to die in order to live? Read and highlight Colossians 3:5 and Eph. 4:25-31. Underline the things that we must put to death. There's more than are written in the lyric. Fifteen, actually. List them below. You should be able to fit about three on each line.

*Somebody give my past my sympathies
Tell the old me I'm not missing me
He can call but I'm not listening
To the same old same old*

Read and highlight the following scriptures:

Phillipians 3:13

Luke 9:62

Luke 17:32-33

Throughout scripture we see repeated cautions to not look back. The most memorable is the example of Lot's wife who, upon turning to look back at what she was leaving behind (which was now burning to the ground) turned into a pillar of salt.

If you are not familiar with the story, please read Genesis 19.

To sum it up here, God was about to burn down the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of the extreme wickedness. People were arrogant, hateful, had no regard for human life and were sexually deviant. When the angels were taken in by Lot for the night rather than making them sleep in the town square, the men in the town came pounding on the door demanding Lot send out the angels to be gang-raped. The angels blinded the men of the town and instructed Lot to flee through the desert to the mountains with his wife and daughters to avoid being killed in the destruction that God was about to rain down on the cities.

Why was Lot's wife punished in this manner?

It's interesting that she was turned into a "pillar of salt". When we hear the word pillar we think of something solid, secure, and sturdy. In Hebrew the word means something along the lines of a watchman. The cities are believed to have been near the Dead Sea, where the salt content is so high that life is unsustainable. So she was basically immortalized looking over the sea of death.

What does her turning to a pillar of salt symbolize?

*You're pushing back the dark
To get me closer to the light
Somebody tell my enemies
There's nowhere left to hide*

Read Ephesians 5:9-14, highlighting verse 11. Copy verse 11 into the space below.

*You told me it's Your battle God
So I need You to fight
'Cause if I'm gonna live
Then there's some things that need to die*

Why is the lesson of this song so important? Go back to Luke 17, but this time read a little more. Read verses 28-37.

Its importance is two-fold. One is that we don't know when we are going to die. It could be at any time. We need to always be following where God is leading and not taking two steps backwards. The people of Sodom and Gomorrah had no idea that they were about to die. Lot's wife didn't realize she'd never have another chance to follow God.

Verses 28-19: "It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

The other thing is that this will happen again on a global scale when Christ returns. Verses 30-37: "It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. "On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back. "Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses *his life* will preserve it. "I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left. "There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left. "Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left." And answering they said to Him, "Where, Lord?" And He said to them, "Where the body *is*, there also the vultures will be gathered."

Spend some time praying for the courage and strength to follow Jesus without looking back. Ask God to make his call on your life clear.

Remember prayer doesn't have to be stiff and formal. Talk to him the way you would talk to your best friend or a family member. He knows every thought in your head, so don't be afraid to speak them out loud. He actually loves when we are that honest in our prayer life.