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A Warrior Spirit January 5, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

Exodus 15.3 NIV

**³The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.**

A warrior is one who engages in battle and wages war. A warrior engages aggressively and energetically in a cause or conflict. What is the cause of the Lord? The earth is His and everything in it and all who live in it. The nations are His. The heavens are His. And He defends what is His. Satan comes to kill, steal and destroy; the devil is constantly on the prowl looking for whom he might devour. This causes conflict – it is the stage for battle.

Right now the devil is trying to disarm the church. He mocks us, stirs hatred toward us, releases intimidation, causes division, discourages and oppresses. Satan does everything he can to disable the church. Colossians 2.8 tells us that one of the strategies of satan is to take us captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends upon human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. This is a major strategy that satan is using today to take the possession of nations for his purpose. But God says the nations are His and He laughs at those who conspire to take the nations because they will not succeed. There is a clash of kingdoms in the United States of America right now. The kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light are clashing. And that clash is over this nation. Who and what is going to govern this nation? Will the godly foundations and purposes of this nation uphold and govern or will this nation be overtaken and governed by an antichrist spirit?

The Word says the devil is a defeated foe. Colossians 2.15 says, Jesus made a public spectacle of satan and disarmed the powers and principalities triumphing over them by the cross. Whose report are you going to believe? David said some may trust in horses and some may trust in chariots but I trust in the name of the Lord. When David came against Goliath he came against him in the name of the Lord. The word says, "Let God arise and His enemies be scattered." He arises as a warrior, as the head and commander-in-chief of the angel armies. He is the one who is mighty in battle. And the King of Glory who is mighty battle is over the United States of America right now, summoning His warriors to take a stand and decree the word of the Lord.

I believe the Lord started this war that we are in right now. He started it by shaking everything that could be shaken. It is shaking the strongholds of satan that are entrenched in our government and other institutions in our nation. It is shaking the church out of being lukewarm and lethargic. The Spirit of the Lord has been declaring over the church for sometime – Arise, shine for the glory of the Lord rises upon you. Darkness, even deep darkness, covers the earth. The nations are looking to come to the light. That light is in us the church and His warring bride.

Characteristics of a warrior

- Yielded to and following after the Commander in Chief of the angel armies.
- Focused – keeping our eyes on Jesus.
- Armed with divine weaponry.
- Alert – watching and listening for the direction of the Lord.
- Ready for battle – strengthened in courage having put on our spiritual armor.
- Rightly linked with other warriors.

What are our weapons of warfare – they are not carnal or natural but they are mighty in God! Our main weapons are the Word of God, the name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus, worship, prayer, the wisdom of God and the peace of God that passes all understanding. We are strengthened by the joy of the Lord. Remembering and recounting the amazing and complete victory of Jesus Christ fills us with joy. Knowing that the promises of God are yes and amen fills us with joy.

Isaiah 13.4 NIV

⁴ Listen, a noise on the mountains, like that of a great multitude! **Listen, an uproar among the kingdoms, like nations massing together! The LORD Almighty is mustering an army for war.**

Song of Songs 4.8 TPT

⁸ Now you are ready, my bride, to come with me as we climb the highest peaks together. Come with me through the archway of trust. We will look down from the crest of the glistening mounts and from the summit of our sublime sanctuary. **Together we will wage war** in the lion's den and the leopard's lair as they watch nightly for their prey.

Isaiah 42.13 NIV

¹³ The LORD will march out like a champion, **like a warrior he will stir up his zeal**; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies.

Joel 3.9-10 NIV

⁹ Proclaim this among the nations: **Prepare for war!**

Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack.

¹⁰ **Beat your plowshares into swords** and your pruning hooks into spears.

Let the weakling say, "I am strong!"

James 4.7 NIV

...resist the devil and he will flee from you...

- Resist is a military term. It means stand against. Stand firm. Stand your ground. To oppose.
- Military forces take these positions on a regular basis.
- In the book of Daniel, the prince of Persia resisted the angel that was bringing the answer to Daniel's prayer – that opposition was warfare. God sent Michael a chief warrior angel to oppose and push back the prince of Persia, which Michael successfully did because he was stronger. The angel was able to complete his assignment by coming to Daniel.
- The angel Michael has a very strong warrior spirit.

We have the spirit of a warrior because the Lord who identifies Himself as a warrior and says His name is warrior is on the inside of us. And God is calling His warriors, His bride, to His side in battle.

We decree over America that God's rod of authority is falling against satan and his cohorts that are trying to take America. Evil and wickedness will be fully exposed and come to light. Justice will come and America will be saved! We decree that falsehoods will no longer be allowed to masquerade as facts and define reality in America – truth will be our guide. The church – God's warring bride – will persevere in intercession and decrees until this nation is secure in its God-given identity. America was established by God with a unique purpose and a unique calling. We will continue to honor Him in our nation, and by His mercy we will remain a nation free to worship Him and release the gospel.

We ask for wisdom and strategies from heaven to win this battle. The ekklesia, the governing body of Christ, will stand undivided in heart and unwavering in faith. We will see the giants in the land come down and be brought to justice. We decree everything hidden will be exposed and truth will prevail. America chooses life and acknowledges that it is one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. The Lord is a warrior and He has taken a warrior stance over this land and the people of this land. The enemy has been thrown down and the battle belongs to the Lord. America will experience incredible breakthrough this week! We declare God's kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven!