

### Restoring the Warrior Spirit – Part 3

Isaiah 3:1-12.

- **What is a biblical warrior?**
  - ◆ *Accepts responsibility.*
  - ◆ *Faces discipline.*
  - ◆ *Lives strategically.*

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- *"America is entertaining itself to death."*
- In the church and in the culture, ***we have lost the responsibility of building a kingdom life, family, business, church and community.***
- **We run from silence and run to NOISE!**
  - ◆ We get in the car and turn on talk radio.
  - ◆ We turn on the mindless drivel of TV when we walk in the door of the house.
- ***By shutting out "silence," we've shut out God!***

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- **Psalm 46:10:** *"Be still, and know that I am God...."*
- **Psalm 62:5-6:** *"My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him."*
  - ◆ ***As long as the flesh is stirred up, we will not encounter the Lord of hosts!***
- ***The less the spirit of a warrior operates, the more we become obsessed with noise – distractions and relief, not lasting freedom and victory.***

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- **Noise enables us to:**
  - ◆ *Grumble about the way things are and pass the blame to others, society, environment, etc.*
- **Noise keeps us from:**
  - ◆ *Facing the responsibility of how we're living and where we're going...*
  - ◆ *Thinking about the condition of our marriages, children, and culture.*
  - ◆ *Getting true strategy to overcome the enemy and win the war.*

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- **Creativity shuts down.**
  - ◆ *The Jezebel spirit keeps amusement before us to neutralize us!*
    - "A": *to render ineffective.*
    - "Muse": *spirit that brings creativity.*
    - A-Muse-ment: *to obliterate creativity.*

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- *The Pre-trib rapture theory has effectively A-MUSED us and helped destroy the warrior spirit, creating a "coward-culture" in the church.*
  - ◆ *It is a fear-based, relief-oriented theology.*
  - ◆ *It has been used to consistently justify not building lives, families, churches, businesses and nations to establish His rule and purposes.*
    - *We are supposed to occupy until He comes!*

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- *Under this theology, we don't have time to prepare ourselves to invade the culture and establish His rule in those seven mountains, even though He commanded us to!*
- *We "wimp out" of being salt and light, forsaking the responsibility to establish His rule because wuss-hearted preachers and theologians have determined that God is only the God of salvation from hell and doesn't care about the earth and culture He, Himself designed and created.*

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- *We don't need "warriors" who live strategically, because it doesn't matter – Jesus is coming soon.*
  - ◆ *We're supposed to be building lives, the church and the kingdom, not just fire-fighting!*
  - ◆ *What we call "warfare", for the most part, is our own stupidity in not being prepared for battle and planning for victory.*

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- *REAL warfare does not start until you start building!*
  - ◆ *The people in Nehemiah's day did not know how to fight until they started BUILDING (Neh. 4-6).*
- *Most of our energy is spent on defense & survival because we are not being trained to fight and prevail.*
- *Jesus said He would build His body (Matt. 16:18-19), and that assembly would ATTACK the gates of hell and win.*

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- *Is the church attacking anything?*
  - ◆ *We're not attacking anything because we're unprepared, unequipped and packing to leave!*

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**Matt. 11:12:** *"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."*

- ***Warriors go after the kingdom and seize it!***
  - ◆ We spend more time complaining and worrying about what's happening to us, then turn over and go back to sleep.
- ***I'm longing for the day when the ACLU, Muslims, Hollywood, etc. will be worried about what we're doing!***

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**Matt. 11:12.**

- *When are we going to quit covering over our "warfare" and fight back?!*
- *It's time to take the fight to the gates of hell starting with our own lives, marriages and families...then to the culture.*
  - ◆ *We must change the way we think and back it with a godly lifestyle.*

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**Take an Assessment:**

- *Where am I getting hit and caving in?*
- *Where am I not covering my wife?*
- *Where am I not taking care of my children?*
- *Where is the enemy getting into my business?*
- *Where are the strongholds of darkness in my community...nation?*
  - ◆ *We must become military (warrior) strategists!*

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**Ephesians 5:6-17** (The Message): *"Don't let yourselves get taken in by religious smooth talk. God gets furious with people who are full of religious sales talk but want nothing to do with him. Don't even hang around people like that...It's a scandal when people waste their lives on things they must do in the darkness where no one will see...Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times! Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants."*

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