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The voice of those who escaped from behind the iron curtain

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Battlefield of Thoughts

Dear Partners,

Alexandra and I and our entire family are so honored and feel so privileged that the Lord has called us by **name** for such a time as this to do His mighty work (Is.43:1). And He has hand selected and called each one of **YOU** to be part of this work together with our family to depopulate hell and populate heaven. Because we are kingdom-minded, we are all VIPs in God's Kingdom! Have you ever thought about that before? We are so thankful that God sent His only begotten son to die for **our** sins so we can be saved from eternal damnation. We should walk around with heads held high and privileged that He handpicked each one of us for His glory. We know this because we know our identity and inheritance in Christ Jesus from the Word of God. We are part of His elite family. So think about this- when you are invited to sit in a VIP or special guest section how do you feel? You feel special and excited, right?! That's exactly how we should walk around knowing that God selected and called us by name!

“But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.” Ephesians 2:4-6.

Our Spirit-man is seated in heavenly places (realms) with Christ, but our carnal man (flesh) is still living on this earth in our natural bodies which means that we are on a battlefield. We aren't exactly on vacation mode down here on earth, where we sit back, relax and let the enemy wage war against us and our families while we continue to live life as the world does. Jesus Himself says in John 17 that we are not of the world just like He was not of the world. And being a VIP in the Kingdom means we have been given a responsibility and tools to fight the good fight of faith here on earth (1 Tim. 6:12). Part of that means that we need to know **how** to use the keys effectively on the battlefield. When a commander or general sends his soldiers on the battleground, they are always on high alert and ready for whatever attacks the enemy throws their way. An army commander will never send a soldier out on the battlefield that sleeps during the battle. If he slumbers on the battleground, he will either be killed or taken as a prisoner of war. The same is true for Christians in the spiritual battle.

The first thing the enemy will try to do is make us doubt the Word and our authority in Christ. The first sin originated as a thought from satan to Eve, to make her doubt what God told her and Adam. If satan can get us to doubt the Word, our identity, or our authority in Christ through our thoughts, we will become like the slumbering soldier on the battlefield. Then satan begins to fill our mind with thoughts, questions and reasonings about God. He'll fill our mind with thoughts like, *“It is what it is”* or *“The battle is just too hard,”* *“I’ve fought long enough,”* *“I’m just hanging in there,”* *“Everything is waging against me,”* *“Nothing has changed, so what’s the point of continuing to wait,”* or *“I prayed and nothing has happened.”* The enemy would love nothing more than seeing us lie down, give up and throw in the towel. It goes back to the old saying, *Winners never quit and quitters never win.* Our first battleground is in our mind. **If we learn how to control and exchange our thoughts with God’s thoughts, we have won the first part of the battle.**

His Word makes it very clear that, ***“We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”*** We cannot fight a spiritual battle with carnal weapons (thoughts, emotions, reasonings, etc).

In Isaiah 55, God says that our thoughts are not His thoughts and His ways are not our ways. So how do we change our thinking and exchange our thoughts with His? Through renewing our mind in the Word of God daily so that we can know who we are in Christ Jesus and what our identity is IN HIM. We can literally exchange our thoughts for His thoughts every time we feed on the Word which cancels out all our negative thoughts. When a strange thought comes to our mind, we don't have to take it in and meditate on it! Our spirit-man should immediately rise up and quicken us out of those thoughts because the Spirit recognizes that these thoughts are not from God. We can then bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5) because we have been given the authority to do so. Jesus gave us the authority, which are the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, to bind and loose anything on this earth (Matthew 16:19). We've been entrusted with the keys to the Kingdom, but we have to learn how to use them effectively. And part of that is knowing how to control our thought life.

For who has known the mind and purposes of the Lord, so as to instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ [to be guided by His thoughts and purposes]. 1
Corinthians 2:16.

The good news is that we have been given the mind of Christ! We have been given the keys to the Kingdom of heaven (Matt. 16:19). We have been given authority over every evil thing on this earth in Jesus' name (Luke 10:19). We have been seated in heavenly VIP places with Christ (Eph 2:6) and we are the righteousness of God through Christ (2 Cor. 5:21). We have all the tools we will ever need to fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim. 6:12) and to have VICTORY over the enemy in every area of our lives. The only thing we have to **DO IS USE** what we've been given. No one can fight our battle for us. No one can spoon-feed you the Word and speak the Word over you circumstances in life. But as the body of Christ, we can help one another in prayer because the Word says that when two agree about anything, it will be done by our Father (Matthew 18:19). When a soldier is down, another one lifts them up. If you feel like you're in the middle of a battlefield in your mind and you need prayer to help get you back up and armed, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to pray with authority in agreement with you in Jesus' name! Remember that you and I have been handpicked by God and are now part of His elite family for such a time as this. Praise the Lord! Glory to God!

“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19

In the Battle Together In Christ,

John & Alexandra