

# Spiritual Commissary

***2 Corinthians 10:3-5 KJV “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”***

Hello brothers in Christ, PRAY and grab your Bible.

Beloved brothers, or as a reminder of last week, soldiers! I am praying daily for you all and whether you are doing well or going through a great storm that you are disciplining yourselves through prayer and God's Word, by His power and strength, not our own to keep marching to victory no matter what. KEEP MARCHING we can not ever forget even on good days we are in a non-stop war!

Paul in writing this was being attacked by false prophets at Corinth. Sadly today we have more false teachers and watered-down misuse of The Gospel than we do solid soldiers marching in truth. What Paul was saying in verse 3 is that we being in sinful flesh can not expect to win battles using our natural weapons. Weapons like our minds, opinions, or even our own strength. I think we have all at some point had life kick us hard and we couldn't handle it. We resorted to sinful pleasures just to cope. When we try to navigate life without the Holy Spirit and God's Word to guide us we are doomed. It's like trying to walk into a military war with a water gun, we are not going to make it. In verse 4 he tells us we have God's mighty weapons to fight this Spiritual War. That is the only way we can pull-down sin and Satan's attempts to destroy us, with God. Weapons like prayer, knowing Scripture, meditating on God's Word, and using it when we are in storms or helping others in storms. The problem is often we don't like God's answers, we get so caught up in our own sin or suffering and it weakens our faith. It's when we keep marching according to His Word is when we will see the truth more and more in victories over these battles. That's when our faith gets stronger.

In verse 5 we get another clear example of this. This verse is non-negotiable, but you will never see the fruit from these truths until you put it into action. Until you march in it's truth every day even when it seems like your losing the battle. Giving up or giving in to our pain and suffering, or falling into sin is a guaranteed way to lose the battle every time. Verse 5, ***“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God,***

***and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;***” Let’s break it down into sections. “Casting down imaginations”, what this means is anything that can’t be found in God’s Word. Like philosophy, false religions, or the many alterations of the Gospel being twisted and taught today. Or pagan ideas or religions like Buddhism, Wicca, or any other possible thing you can imagine that is not biblical. Some of these are clearly obvious to us, yet sadly many people foolishly get into some ideas or practices that might seem good or harmless. When really it is separating you from God’s Truths and the weapons needed for victory. I remember when I was younger thinking some of the old-timer Christians were being a little silly and overboard about some things. Let me tell you now brothers I don’t even watch T.V. or listen to music hardly that’s not Gospel. I don’t even own a television.

I’m not bragging at all or trying to sound all super holy or anything. I’m just confirming what God is teaching us here through Paul. That I know me, and I am weak, and if I am putting that type of worldly stuff in my eyes, ears, and lifestyle. Then it won’t be long and satan will have me sifted like wheat strung out, drunk, high, fornicating, and catching cases again. You can not for one-second doubt God’s Word, although satan will try and get you too sometimes daily. I can hear you now, well how boring of life is that. I tell you what the more I pray, study God’s Word, listen to preaching and teaching on YouTube and stuff daily, the less and less I miss any of that stuff. I’m telling you we are sinners we love sin, but sin separates us from God. It always seems enjoyable or fun at first but ALWAYS leads to separation from God and problems, jails, or even death. If you're like me you're never gonna win life's battles or make it through life's storms until you decide that if it isn't about God you can't handle it.

The world is so full of temptation and sin it’s nearly impossible to completely avoid, but the less we are around ungodliness, the better our chances of not falling into sin. Flee temptations, if that means losing family, friends, or whatever. You must get to a point where NOTHING is going to stop you from marching for Christ. To tell the truth you will probably have to fight and force yourself at first for a while. Remember being disciplined, I can’t do it for you. Training to be a soldier for Christ. At some point, you will not miss any of that stuff, and studying God’s Word, praying, and hanging out only with Strong Christian Warriors will be the only type of people you kick it with. KEEP MARCHING until you get to that point, I’m not asking you to trust me, I’m asking you to trust God like He is telling us in this verse. He is NEVER wrong, this is how we are able to win battles by His might working through us. He didn’t say “cast down SOME things”, He said EVERYTHING that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. I mean if we really truly are born again and believe wholeheartedly in God, then that should be common sense for us. Like what could be more knowledgeable, or good for us, than what God says? NOTHING, your absolutely right, nothing at all. God Creator of all things. OF COURSE, HE IS RIGHT!

Lastly, verse 5 tells us, “bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”. It is really so simple with God giving us the Holy Spirit and strength to do it. Yet we most of our lives have not been doing it sadly. Again discipline and training, marching boot camp. The simple part is when we realize there are only two forces in the Spiritual world: those of God or those of satan. We know what is good and what is bad. We have to reject sinful or wicked thoughts, knowing they are not from God. We all have them, and Scripture even tells us satan will try and press thoughts into our minds(2 Corinthians 4:4) tells us satan tries to bind up our minds. SEE JUST LIKE GOD’S WORD SAYS, WE ARE IN A SPIRITUAL WAR! Satan trying to destroy us and kill our witness to others, and God telling us to rely on Him and the Holy Spirit and train our minds to reject thoughts against Godly things and keep us in obedience to Christ. This gets easier the longer and harder we train. Our faith increases as we do also, from the battles we make it through without resorting to sin.

Like we said last week, there are enough Christians out there that just get them a little Jesus on Sunday mornings, no wonder Satan is destroying so many lives out here. In fact, God says he will spit lukewarm Christians out of His mouth(Revelation 3:16 KJV “**So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.**”) You have to eat, sleep, work, live, and breathe Jesus 24/7/365. Sure we will make mistakes and have bad days, and still make the wrong choices. Yet we are Children of God now, we confess immediately to Him, ask forgiveness, and KEEP MARCHING and training. This life is gonna fly by so fast man and then we will be in Heaven, there is NOTHING here that’s not worth giving up, or even suffering much from here on out if our reward is Heaven in His very presence. A new heaven and a new earth, just think of some of the beautiful places here, can you imagine the new one and Heaven, with no sin, suffering, work, old age, disease, pain, everything will be more perfect than anything we have ever known. DON’T EVER DOUBT IT.

All right, man, I love you guys, God loves us and is so merciful and gracious to us. Let's show Him how much we appreciate sending Christ to take His wrath we deserved for us so that we can see Heaven by training hard and marching on. From this point until our last breath here. We are NOT going to ever regret it, and how many more might Christ save from the fire of Hell by working through us to reach the lost. We are weak but He is our strength. #KGCOG Keep Going Children Of God. MARCH ON !!!!!

Much love my brothers in Christ, you all STAY in my prayers,  
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