



Trumpet Sounds

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Germ Warfare

Pathogens enter our bodies every day. Our amazing immune system is on guard ready to pounce on the intruders and destroy them. We are not usually conscious of our immune system's constant work on a daily or nightly basis. Mostly we are quite oblivious unless a symptom slips by, and we go for some vitamin A and C tablets etc. This is not so with the germ of a negative thought that enters our mind. We must consciously stand guard over our minds and will our thoughts in the right direction. Generally, however, we do not keep a habit of standing guard but falling instead prey to the prevailing, negative thought which is often accompanied by several other such nega-

tives and so goes the day. The Word gives us this: *Ps 42:11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope (trust) thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.*

In enmity with that Scripture, is our habit of reacting to the negative with more negativity. A similar action would be trying to douse a fire with kerosene. We do not commonly seek the positive aspect or outcome hidden within. For example, I remember spilling a pan of grease on the floor. Of course my first reaction was... CRAP! Then standing there looking at the mess, I thought, "Thank God it wasn't scalding grease and the next was that the floor needed a good cleaning anyway." As is typical for me, I usually think the devil desires a more damning response for entertainment, so thirdly I man-

age a smile and a chuckle as if to say, "Foiled again, satan!" Have I experienced satan robbing my joy? You betcha! I have noticed that once the enemy starts in and finds the first attack meeting its target another will be fired as well. If we are discerning, we catch on and draw our line in the sand resisting the enemy so he flees or start interceding and taking even more ground away. I find it quite satisfying that if the enemy thought to rob my joy to make him rue the day he messed with me by taking a few others out of the jaws of defeat!

We have a tendency to give up an entire day for the enemy's gratification due to a temporal, negative that enters. This past year and the beginning of this one has been one sifting after another with little reprieve. It would make a movie of the week on Lifetime network or novel with the last chapter yet

to finish. I am learning even more now than ever how important it is to keep my mind stayed on the strength of the Lord and trust the outcome to Him. I am continually thankful for the Holy Spirit's comfort and direction. Phrases like: This too shall pass, One day at a time, Easy does it, Let go and let God, have been my mainstay thoughts bringing back my focus in trusting God. I have hyped my mind to be on guard because of the consistency of attacks. I have used the Serenity Prayer more than ever and discover that the wisdom is in knowing the only thing I can change is me.

There is germ warfare going on in our minds most everyday and sometimes continual attacks. The key is taking our thoughts captive and through the Word of God trusting Him over all the circumstances and situations arising.

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A Ready Pen

I believe that most everyone has a book to write but do not know how to begin. I felt congested of thought that needed to get out, so I sat down and started talking to a page. I had no thought that anyone would read it. I just knew I had to get it out, and out it poured. It was quit a relief to release these thoughts: *Ps 45:1 My heart is inditing (composing) a good*

matter (chronicle): I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

It was more than telling a page my own thoughts but found that God was behind those words: *Jer 1:9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have*

put my words in thy mouth.

Our witness is the ready pen willing to testify of what the King has done for us. *Acts 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.*

Let the pen write and the mouth speak all that God has done. Amen.

Understanding Loss

The loss of a loved one begets the questions of why and how did God allow them to slip from the earth especially for those not having fulfilled a ripe old age. The questions come with every loss. One of the things I have discovered in my questioning is that the prayer for healing always takes place. You may wonder at this, but when we pray for healing it takes place regardless of where it happens. The Lord has shown me through many such moments.

When death knocks at the door, many search for solutions from doctors or their faith and most often both. Doctors can only go so far, and our faith often times will take us only so far as well. God's Word will take us all the way, yet what some cannot receive from a doctor's treatment and procedure we try in faith.

Now, faith is fought against by a real adversary who brings doubt, pain and fear to impede our every effort. All adversity makes faith become a fight to stand in our weakest times physically and emotionally. This does not mean that we lack faith, but that we have been made weary in the fight. Jesus was perfect in faith yet in a body of flesh became physically weakened by the loss of blood and his position on the cross which filled his lungs with fluid so that He was suffocating. Jesus also felt the emotion of death in the Garden of Gethsemane before anything physical happened to His body.

I have known precious saints who have strong relationships with Jesus and love Him with all their hearts. When these have faced death many have made it to the

other side of death to stay on earth, yet others have walked even closer with the Lord every day and in the last days walked even closer to His house than their own. Like with Enoch, one day they walk closer to God's home than to theirs and being too tired to go the long way back continue on with Jesus. They did not receive healing while at home on earth but they did receive their healing in God's home.

I have never believed that God takes a life, but I do see that God will not allow us to suffer beyond what we are able and makes a way of escape by giving an invitation to life...just in a different place where life abounds. What we are hard put to receive here in our own home, we can receive in God's home, and at times we get further to God's home than our

own. The more we pray for healing the closer we come to where that healing takes place whether our home here on earth or God's home with Him.

I cannot imagine being so close to God's home that any would not want to continue ahead with Jesus rather than going back into a body fighting to live when a newer more perfectly healthy one awaited.

Selfishly we want our loved ones with us forever. That is the natural thought because of our love for them. Another love for them comes eventually that we are content in knowing that they have a new life, new body, and no more tears, fears, worries or pain. Only then can we let them go to God and selflessly carry on their fine examples to share in memorial.

Imaginations

As a kid I loved the old syfy movies. There was one that came to mind today from 1956 called *Forbidden Planet*. It was very well done for back then. The Krels were the advanced creatures who established the planet, but were no longer in existence due to the technology they had built, which you find out at the end is what did them in. Apparently there was an elaborate mechanism that materialized their imaginations. This created monsters from their own imaginations through fear.

How fitting this is in real life. Even in the Scriptures we see a people who scattered over the earth due to their imaginations building towers that even God

wondered what they would concoct next. All their great building was left to nothing and their imaginations tempered down to what became a mere usage of 10% activity.

In this day the imaginations have enlarged once again, and we find ourselves in a world of increased knowledge. Like the Krels, we have created both good and evil by the imagination. We do this individually and corporately.

We turn mole tunnels into hills and hills into mountains by our imagining them so. We create the monsters that terrorize us so much so that many resort to medications.

We dwell on the "what ifs" more than meditate on the

Word of God. Many have created their own death by fearing what could happen and voicing it. Here is the best Biblical proof of this: ***Job 3:25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.***

Job's fears were not quiet but spoken as you read in the very next verse. This should not be a surprise to us as speaking spirits with creative minds in the image of a God who spoke most everything into existence from His own imagination. Every invention known to man was born in the imagination and every cruelty of dictators was conceived by the dictates of their darkened souls.

Prov 23:7 For as he thinketh

in his heart, so is he:

Rom 4:17...calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Knowing that we hold the creative gene of our Father where genesis/birth is conceived, why not train our thoughts in Godly values and point them for the good of ourselves and others. ***Gen 4:6-7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.***

Personal Note From The Spirit

I woke up this morning feeling whipped by the enemy but turned with dynamic prayer in the midst of the storms of life. If you have been in some of those impossible storms evolving into tornados or hurricanes, then what the Holy Spirit gave me is also for you if you can grasp it. This is what He gave me for the impossible I faced:

The word impossible also contains the words "I'm possible". What we see in the **impossibility** we face are three words within us "I'm possible and ability". The Word has told us: *If*

thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23

It is with a blind eye that we only see the impossible rather than noting in the WORD *I'm possible* within the impossible!

This is not all we miss. We also see ourselves as imperfect over hard situations, yet lying within the WORD is "I'm perfect". *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matt 5:48*

The word **therefore** gave us the clues to perfection in the verses

before it, which tells us to love our enemies. You say, "BUT I'M ONLY HUMAN." There is no such word *imonlyhuman* because the truth lays within the WORD(s) *I'm-possible* and *I'm-perfect*!

We need to see past our immaturity and see "I'm mature" having girded our loins in the WORD of God and not the situations surrounding. We should never be imbalanced and off the mark of faith because within the WORD we find "I'm balanced" and secured.

By the WORD of God I am not

impotent, since within "I'm potent" because I have improved in the WORD from which "I'm proved"!

God is I AM and we are, to coin a phrase, a chip off the ol' block of that Corner Stone. We are lively stones. We may be the contraction of the Great I AM in being the "I'm", but we are mighty because we are not impotent to the WORD but "I'm personal" in my relationship to HIS Truths. Therefore, whatever is possible for I AM then "I'm" also because greater is HE that is within me! AMEN!

Act And Re-act

Mimic means to copy or imitate. Every act is followed with an action in which we re-act or imitate. Our re-actions are very telling as to the father we follow. For example: "Get thou behind me, Satan..." (Mk 8:33) was Jesus' response to Peter's re-action to the act of satan's lies. To the Pharisees Jesus identified the father of their re-actions: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the

lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:44)

We do not need a supernatural discernment to hear what type of spirit is being impersonated by us, if we will have an ear to hear how our spirit is respond-

ing! How do we re-act to an act or action? Are we simply doing a reenactment of an act of satan or flipping it into re-acting with better Script-yours? We can write a new Script using the Word as our base. Even though we may be paraphrasing the Holy Spirit, it is none-the-less a Script...yours!

Even weathercasters get the report incorrectly by saying the hurricane was an "act of god".

God made weather but satan disturbs the weather patterns as **the thief who cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy**: While Jesus is the: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)**

He that hath an ear, let him hear **which** spirit is acting and re-act accordingly.

Getting Into The Eye

Christians, as part of Abraham's seed, are also the apple of God's Eye. Zech 2:8

I said that to say that in any hurricane there is an eye. I found this picture of the eye of the storm:



Here is the description given for the eye of a hurricane: *The eye of a hurricane is a calm, rain free, and generally cloud free area at the center of a hurricane, surrounded by the storm's strongest winds.*

Even when we go through the toughest of times thinking that God does not hear us, we are in His eye and focus. Jesus gave us all authority to use, but we still ask for what we already have as if we are paupers rather than

beneficiaries of strength and power to command. God re-wrote a Scripture in my mind to share here: **WHINE is a mocker...strong storms are a raging and whosoever is deceiver thereby is not wise. (Taken from Pro 20:1)**

Instead of whining to God about the storm, see yourself in His eye through confidence that no matter how strong the winds, you are in the calm of it. In-

stead of telling God how strong the storm is, tell the storm how big your God is! Amen?

David's prayer is a good prayer to remember: **Ps 17:8-9 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, 9 From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.**

No Longer In Control

The greatest thing we can learn about ourselves is that we are not in control. We cannot control the world, other people let alone ourselves. We have made choices and those choices have made us...good or bad.

Once we know this, the next thing to seek is: Who is in control? Seeking and yielding to the one who holds the power places us within that power.

Yielding to a power beyond our own gives us perspective of what attributes we bring into this **Kingdom** and which ones need to be eliminated. Here is where I remember these song lyrics: *You*

got to accentuate the positive...Eliminate the negative...And latch on to the affirmative...Don't mess with mister in between. You got to spread joy up to the maximum...Bring gloom down to the minimum...Have faith, or pandemonium...Liable to walk upon the scene!

Many finding God as the power still keep much of their own micromanaging practices to manipulate others, therefore, creating a kingdom within **The Kingdom**. Little kingdoms cannot exist for long. They are subject to failure from the outset.

Learning how to become entrenched into the **Kingdom of**

God we gain supernatural strength given us with the power to change us into a mighty force.

Clearing ourselves of old kingdom habits and practices lessens the weight of the cares we picked up burdening us along the road of life.

Are you weighed down with the burden of your own control, habits and practices? Even a car needs a tune up and oil change. Like a car, to run smoothly in the **Kingdom of God** we need a regular tune up and oil change or we can become sluggish and one thing after another is compromised until we are out of com-

mission.

We must come to the conclusion that we have only the ability to change one person...ME. Changing me will take my whole lifetime to do. Living my life in front of others can make a difference in someone wanting to trade their kingdom for **The Kingdom** of greater power and authority. If we were all minding our own business and stopped interfering by micromanaging into the lives of others, we would find them seeing what they were missing and check out this **Kingdom of God** with a newer perspective.

Changes

We are constantly changing from baby to child, adolescent, adult, senior to heaven etc. We can go from sibling to single and married to widowed or divorced etc. Change takes place whether or not we thought about being ready.

Change, no matter how good, often has grief in letting go of the old ways even if some of the old ways made us miserable.

At 67, I do not do some of the things I may have done in my twenties, but there are many more things I know now that I had no clue about in my early years. It is all changing and different. Different does not have anything to do with either bad or good. It is just a change.

I drive a standard car in which I shift among 5 gears all depending upon what speed is necessary.

Traffic signals on the road tells us whether it is time to stop, go or use caution. The change is temporary since it is followed by another one right behind it. In your hurry to get somewhere, you may hit every red light for blocks on end, but you will get where you are going eventually.

The wonderful thing to remember about change is when facing a negative situation, we are confi-

dent that this too shall pass.

The thing we must learn, knowing that change will always come, is the ability to change, flow and even blossom with it. Since we live in changing times, having the ability to change in more positive attitudes, habits and practices can keep us from grinding our gears and stalling out.

O My God

My morning with the Lord was just sitting and basically saying, "O MY GOD!" over and over. This has been a year filled with drama, the likes of which I had never dreamed would touch my life. I certainly did not schedule it in my yearly planner!! Yet, sitting here and thinking that I was living on a planet that was hanging in space on nothing at all...O MY GOD! Seeing all that the Lord has brought my

family through...O MY GOD!! He turns everything for my good no matter how it started out...O MY GOD!!! If the enemy rises up one day the Lord has the final say in the next...O MY GOD!!!!

Rather than Job and God's dialog of, "**Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth...Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened?**

or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

My dialog goes more like, "O MY GOD, YOU did all this!" My GOD does all these things. This is MY GOD that created a way where none existed. This is MY GOD who knows my every thought good or petty and loves

me in spite of it! O MY GOD!!!!

MY GOD is bigger and greater than anything I know or do not know. MY GOD knows me better than I know me! MY GOD has purposed better for me than I picked for myself.

I could go on and on, which I did do in my morning with Him because...O MY GOD!

Watering The Weeds

A good friend, to whom I promised anonymity, told me something she did recently. She makes a concoction of vinegar, salt and detergent into a spray bottle to kill weeds saying that it works better than any weed killer on the market. She spent quite a time working on her weed killing before her husband asked her, "Isn't that the sprayer of water we use to keep the cat off the counters?" YES, she had taken great pains, let alone time, WATERING HER WEEDS!!

How many times does this happen to us when the enemy

comes in with weeds stirring fear, anger, anxiety, remorse, guilt or shame? We sit stewing over the weeds and find that we have been watering the weeds all day. How big do you think those suckers are getting especially with all our wrong watering. They overtake the garden of our mind with their aggravation or terrorize us in fear.

There is a saying that it is easy to shine in the light but to glow in the dark is mastery. Dark thoughts come. I think people accept them as coming from inside their own being, but they

are not. They are unwelcomed interruptions that come to steal kill and destroy dreams and remove all joy.

I have my own weed killer that is better than any weed killer/antidepressant on the market today.

Get equal parts of what is TRUE, HONEST, JUST, PURE, LOVELY, GOOD or PRAISEWORTHY and if there is a GOOD REPORT or any VIRTUE...think on it. Drive out the dark thoughts. They neither belong to you nor do they come from you. That be-

ing said, you can adopt these dark thoughts making them a part of you changing the DNA God gave you. It will change your speaking and actions as well. Children had to learn not to trust because trusting came naturally. All bad behavior is learned behavior, but first the bad weeds must be watered and tended.



Impressions From The Holy Spirit

A prayer warrior I have known all my life was impressed by the Holy Spirit of God to lay her hands on the ground all around her home and say the same thing she would say in a storm: "Peace be still in Jesus name!" Recently she woke from a dream that she was told to get all of her glassware off the shelves and to put in a safe place. I know how much of an impression this made upon her for she told all of the family to do

the same and I was told several times. The last time she repeated this to me, I thought it would be good to pass along to others. The first friend I passed this to said another woman was told to do a similar thing and packed up her glassware as well.

Now some people might think this is "silly stuff" and if you are one then by all means don't do it.

God has told people some silly

things to do like build a humongous boat on dry land or put lamb's blood on the doorpost etc. Of course, oddly there was a great fish that went and swallowed a man coughing him on dry land just because God made an impression. Jesus did just the same telling a disciple to get tax money from a fish and another time to cast their nets to the other side of the boat as if one side actually had more fish than the other! What about

telling a crowd that they would eat of His body and drink of His blood or taking a fish and some bread to feed over 5,000? Then what about speaking to a storm to be still and even though it had no ears to hear, it obeyed. I like the one about walking on water and calling a friend out to walk with Him!

It is not this kind of "silly stuff" that can hurt us but the lack of spiritual insight that brings regret later.

Tug Of War

Tug of war, rope war or rope pulling is a game projecting the potency and will power of the players. To play the game, the players are divided into two groups of equal numbers each in a test of strength: teams pull on opposite ends of a rope, with the goal being to bring the rope a certain distance in one direction against the force of the opposing

team's pull. The losers are usually pulled through the mud.



I have seen this play out in arguments when two sides of opposing views believe they are right and pull against one another. Families, churches and couples

have tugged against one another often dragging the other side through the mud.

What is the price of being right in a family, church or couple split in two? Is being right worth all it is cracked up to be?

I heard a verbal tug of war going on while in a health food store. One man quoted "an eye for an

eye" while the other quoted "turn the other cheek". This went on and on. I could not believe that two grown "Christians" could be so stupid as to their tug of war.

You know, it is not a sign of weakness to drop the rope, stop tugging and walk away from the war.