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Father Lord, we thank you for the gift of life, thank you for how far you have brought us, it is not by our might but by your mercy, Father Lord equip us with your Holy spirit to guide us in unfolding your living Word this evening and at the end your name shall be praised. Amen

You're all welcome to today's Bible study in The name of Jesus Christ. I believe we all had a wonderful day and I trust that The Lord will teach us tonight, I would like everyone of us to follow today's study carefully as The Holy Spirit wants to tell us one or two things. The topic before us today is

Ephesians 6:11

[11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

One of the ways used to describe a believer in Christ Jesus is "a soldier" which is usually used constantly.

In several cases we read of us wrestling, fighting the good fight of faith among others, in another instance it is said that our weapons of war are not made by man but are heavenly made, all these points to the fact that we fight spiritual battles as Christians and any Christian who does not believe this will be knocked out of this battle harmed. The only difference between the fight a Christian fights to that of pagans is that ours is a **good** fight and it's not physical. As soldiers, we must be battle ready, no soldier goes to the war front to play or do training, all training must have been done before war comes, it will be disastrous to get to the battlefield before learning how to use a gun or a sword, all these things requires constant and deliberate practice for the earthly soldiers, the period of intense training can be short but as time goes on light trainings are done, but for a spiritual soldier, training never ends as he learns how to make use of spiritual

armoury every day of his life until death.

Christian - is a person who believes in the salvation of Jesus Christ and he/she already baptized by The Holy Spirit and by water. While a soldier is a person who serves in the army, so when we say the Christian soldier, we mean that it is a person who is a believer of Jesus Christ and the one who serves in Jesus army

Looking at the above definition of terms by our brother, Misheck we would have a clear understanding as this would help us move deeply.

The way it is in the physical is same way it is in the spiritual, we can use the lives and training of our military men as a case study, during the time of Apostle Paul, the people were so familiar with the ways of the soldiers then, especially the Roman soldiers, as they were seen as committed men to whatever decree that was made by the Roman government, so he had to give them illustrations that they were able to relate with easily and of course that illustration was seriously on point and his audience actually got the deep understanding of what he was talking about.

In most cases, this applies to the military of our days too, we would consider these in relation to us and what is expected of us as Christian soldiers on duty.

1. **Discipline**: good soldiers are disciplined warriors, they know when to sleep and when to keep watch, they do not eat anyhow because they can be poisoned by the enemy, In the same way soldiers of The gospel must be disciplined, they must learn to always be at alert, for Christian soldiers, spiritual sleep is not allowed and encouraged as it can be disastrous, because we are constantly on the battle field that is why 1 Peter 5:8 KJV says Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: it tells us to be sober and vigilant because our enemy the devil goes about like a roaring lion seeking for whom to devour. This tells us that we have an enemy who is after our souls to devour it and we must be disciplined to keep watch on matters that concerns our souls.

2. **Commitment**: if a man must be a strong spiritual soldier then he must be committed. Commitment can be defined as the decision to do what needs to be done, whatever the cost may be, this is a definition that characterizes countless

heroes throughout history. Christian commitment is an action on our part in response to God's love towards us. There is no point talking about commitment unless we have at least the determination to be committed.

The Lord Jesus Christ lived a committed life, He went about doing the will of His Father, when we love God we will be committed to Him, love for Christ does not mean mere feeling or affection but commitment to follow Him all the way. The life Jesus Christ lived was an exemplary life, He was committed to prayers and fasting, He was always preaching, teaching and also healing the sick, as Christian soldiers we must know that if we live that kind of life it will make us stronger, sometimes we do feel as if we are not getting better spiritually when we are committed to these things, but this is not true, the devil who is the enemy will fight against us, he has his own way of discouraging us because he knows that he would be in serious trouble if we continue that way, so he tries his best to stop us through dubious means.

As Christian soldiers we cannot excel in our duty post without commitment in whatever area we are serving The Lord, in the church or other places, we must do it with all our spirit, soul and body, some people do the work of God as if nobody can question them, they take the work of God unfaithfully, The book of Jeremiah 48:10 KJV says Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully,... God wants our all, that is why He said in Luke 9:23 KJV that ...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. This is a daily matter which requires commitment. True commitment compels us to kiss our comfort zone goodbye.

As christians, this inspires commitment and to obey God's commandments, not in order to win God's favour but because He has won our favour, as true soldiers of Christ we must be totally committed to Him, we cannot be 85% with Him and be 15% for the world. Sitting on the fense is not accepted by Him. Revelation 3:15 KJV I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 99% of you is still the same as though you are against Him. 1 Kings 8:61 KJV Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. We must be vigilant and not sleep, we must be watchful so as to stand against the devil.

A good soldier knows how to discipline himself when it comes to eating, it is painful that many spiritual soldiers these days cannot tame their stomachs, they eat anyhow and at everywhere, this is dangerous! you don't eat anyhow as a disciplined soldier, not because you might be poisoned physically but because you can take spiritual poison. By now some people do not know that there are foods that are dangerous to their Spiritual health, truly, our Lord Jesus Christ said that it is not what goes into a man that defiles a man, in that verse, if we look at it carefully, He was talking about physical dirt's, if we say that we can eat everything because they would not defile us, it means that we can drink alcohol, smoke hemps and the likes, which are acts of unrighteousness.

There are some foods that have been polluted and contaminated by those who cooked them, these are capable of making a man's spiritual defence gets weakened. A man who prays for long can soon find it hard to pray for 10 minutes, this does not just happen at once but happens gradually because of the demonic influence of what was eaten, especially when no prayer was made on it before eating, as Christians we must be careful of what we eat especially in these last days, almost everything has been polluted by darkness. There are some things you can bless to eat while there are some you do not eat at all. Beloved, learn to put your body under subjection that is called discipline! this is not only about food, it includes all forms of appetites, chatting, sex, movies, money, fame etc.

Some cannot fast till 12 p.m. brethren, you must discipline yourself as a Christian, the battle we are facing now is very tense and we must not get weakened especially as a minister of the gospel, you must be careful of where you eat and the people you keep around you, you can't just move alone aimlessly to the house of every of your church member as a disciplined soldier and begin to eat anyhow, I'm not saying it's bad to visit church members but it should be limited, it should not have dominion over you. Fasting must be your lifestyle, you must not be brought under the power of any, it is not a must you have intercourse with your wife all through the week, give yourself to fasting, deny yourself, be disciplined! be well trained and skilled in prayers and The word, study to show thyself approved, you must study your Bible as if that is all you have to do, you must pray tirelessly all this requires discipline! some are weak in these areas

In fact, a church cannot stand without discipline among the saints there,

discipline in every aspect of our spiritual journey, the early church relied on it to survive, today's church cannot neglect it, she does not want to park up.

3 **Determination**: as Christian soldiers we must be determined, that is, we must make a definite and firm decision to stand for Christ, we must be focused on our heavenly race and not allow distractions. David had a firm fixed intention to achieve victory over Goliath, he did not let the situation around him influence him to retreat, neither did he surrender. When we look at the lives of soldiers we will see that they are always determined to achieve victory no matter the hurdles they will have to pass through, no matter the situation, challenges, problems and difficulties they would always remain focused on achieving their aim. An undetermined soldier will run away from the battlefield.

Many Christian soldiers are not determined, they see giving up as another option, we must not give up when it comes to the affairs that concerns us both spiritually and physically, we must remain firm in our decision to succeed, when spiritual battles rages hard, determination to combat these battles are needed. In our services to God, determination should not be set aside 2 Chronicles 2:1 KJV And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the Lord, and an house for his kingdom. In this verse we can see Solomon's determination to build a house for The Lord and for His Kingdom. There was nothing Paul determined to know among the Corinthian church than Jesus Christ and Him crucified, he was eager to know their firm stand zeal and decision to follow Jesus Christ. It's takes a man of determination to see tempting things and situation around him yet decides to follow Jesus.

When we are not determined as soldiers of Christ we would fall for anything in the battle field of life, the wiles and darts of the devil would discourage us easily, we can easily fall into the hands of false Ministers too because there will not be firm decision to stand for the truth. It takes determination not to look at what people would say to us or about us when we decide to stand for the truth, It would make one stay focused on the journey to a glorious eternity other than being swayed by vain philosophies of men. Determination would make it easy to face obstacles in our physical and spiritual activities with boldness, when determination does not weaver, achieving one's goal is inevitable.

4. **Obedience**: The life of a disciplined soldier is a life of obedience to the one who has enlisted him in his army. As Christian soldiers, we're enlisted into Christ's army, we are servants here on earth. 2 Timothy 2:4 KJV No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. This verse of the scriptures makes us understand that no man that fights still gets involved in civilian affairs of this life, civilian affairs talks about worldly passions and lust, unfruitful works of darkness and carnal things so that he can please the One who chose him to be a soldier. If a man must please his Master he must be obedient to Him in every way.He cannot be partially obedient and expect the One who has chosen him to be pleased with him 2 Peter 2:20 KJV For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. When a soldier in training refuses to listen and take instructions obediently, he would be unfit at the battle field and then defeated, this is why the words of Jesus Christ to the General of our army should be carefully followed to the least if we must be well drilled in our Christian walk for us to be fit for service. This is when we would be able to fight in The Lord's battle with confidence. Romans 6:16 KJV Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? It is whomever we yield ourselves to obey that we will be serving under, this is the one on whose side we would also be. For every child of God, obedience cannot be replaced by anything else. 2 Corinthians 10:6 KJV And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

5. **Boldness**: true soldiers are bold and brave, a soldier who is fearful can be overwhelmed and defeated even before the battle starts. As soldiers of Christ, boldness is required of us, we must be bold enough to evade spiritual territories that are demonic and deep in darkness for Christ's sake, Christ must be taken to territories that refuses to acknowledge the Lordship of The Lord, we must be bold and fearless. 2 Timothy 1:7 KJV For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. God did not give us the spirit of fear but of power, when we realise the power that we have we will not let fear pen us down, that is when we would remain steadfast in the truth of God's Word

standing on His promises and Word and ready to execute the will of The Father here on Earth. A fearful person would run away from anywhere he senses danger, he would shiver when witches and wizards threatens him, he will be afraid of demons, charms and herbalists, he would run to the pastor at every slight attack. This is not whom God desires us to be as His soldiers.

Most times what makes people fear is because they are not working in the light, they know that they are not following the commandments of God, so they always having a feeling that God is not with them and they can easily fall into the snares of the devil. When a man works uprightly he would not have any cause to be troubled about what the enemy can do because he would always have it at the back of his mind that the devil can actually do nothing because the general of his army Jesus Christ is always with him. Satan is only a subject to those who are in Christ, but for those Christians who still wallow in sins he causes them fear, The word of God says in the book of Proverbs 28:1 KJV that The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion. Here, a comparison between the righteous and the wicked is made. The wicked will constantly flee but the righteous, pure, holy, upright in heart and deeds will be bold as a lion, he would have no cause to fear but carry out the instructions of his Master with all intrepid.

Such would be able to dare anything that wants to raise its imagination above the knowledge of Christ, bringing them into captivity. 2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV 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; what kind of soldier are you?

6. **Endurance**: as Christ's soldiers, if we must overcome and get our rewards at the end, we must learn to endure hardness. This must be evidence in our lives. 2 Timothy 2:3 KJV Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ expects every of His soldiers to endure hardness, we must understand that persecutions, trials and sufferings are part of the packages we get when we make a decision to be Christ's soldiers (follower of Christ) Jesus suffered and since a disciple is not above his master and no servant above His Lord we are bound to pass through sufferings too. Matthew 10:24 KJV The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. Though not

because we want to pay for our sins but because we have to take part in His suffering and identify with him that we might also share in His glory.

We are expected to take part in His suffering as loyal soldiers of Christ, some do run away when they hear of suffering, they do not want to suffer for any reason, they want the goodies and riches that are in Christ but do not want to share in his pains and afflictions which is to test their love and commitment to Him. The great tribulation is coming and many Christians who cannot endure hardness will not be able to stand, The Lord wants us to be rigidly trained in a very hard way, so that we'll be able to stand during the period of great tribulation. When we endure hardship for Christ sake it shows that we are well-trained and that we are good soldiers of His and that we are pleased to lay down our lives for Him when needs be. Apostle Paul faced a lot during the course of his ministry, he said in 2 Timothy 2:9 KJV that Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. He said he was suffering affliction and even wearing chains like a criminal just because of the gospel. This is the same gospel many of us cannot suffer for, some are even shy to share it with people, these are parts of the hardship we must endure as Christ soldiers. In 2 Corinthians 6:4-10 he elaborated the sufferings they (the Apostles) passed through all because of Christ.

We must also make up our minds to pass through similar trials and stand even to the end, this is what will prove us as true Christian soldiers, under no condition should we leave our duty post as soldiers, we are to remain steadfast as we join other Christian soldiers to battle against the forces of hell for the gates of hell will not prevail against the church.

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