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INTRODUCTION

Spiritual warfare seems to be an intense topic for many believers, and with a wide range of various beliefs on the subject. I have seen firsthand during my travels to some parts of the world where the practice of different types of warfare has created some form of lack of spiritual identity. For the most part, in conversations with other believers about warfare operations of witchcraft and the believer's authority towards overcoming the demonic, there seems to be more fear-based and carnal methodology.

I for one personally believe that warfare, or going through warfare, or operations of witchcraft and the demonic is not worth giving much attention to then is necessary. You see, spiritual warfare has become an overwhelming spiritual practice that is commonly seen amongst Christians today.

People now partake in warfare without having the consciousness of the finished work of Christ. With the right mindset towards warfare and spiritual attacks, we will realize the potency of the words which Jesus spoke on the cross when He said, “It is finished!”

**“WHEN HE HAD SIPPED THE
SOUR WINE, HE SAID, “IT IS
FINISHED, MY BRIDE!” THEN
HE BOWED HIS HEAD AND
SURRENDERED HIS SPIRIT
TO GOD.”**

-JOHN 19:30

Hence, my approach is that I just don't acknowledge and give credit to the endless practice of spiritual warfare. That is not to say that I am unaware of the devices of witchcraft and the demonic, but rather, I understand my place in the finished work of

Christ. And so, I oftentimes feel when we begin to look at warfare or acknowledge spiritual warfare, it's almost like we're blowing it out of proportion compared to what it should be and giving it too much attention. Therefore, my place in writing this book is to give you a better understanding and guide you on how, through your inheritance in Jesus, to overcome witchcraft, the demonic, and the bondage of curses.

CHAPTER ONE

FIGHTING COAT RACKS IN THE DARK

Being able to visit countries such as Brazil, Russia, and other parts of the world, you'll notice that spiritual attacks that take place differ greatly from the spiritual warfare we experience in America. Especially in places to what you may encounter somewhere like Africa where witch doctors and the like are common. Regardless of where or with whom, the battle isn't the land or with the people, but with spirits and principalities. It isn't even really our battle, but the Lord's. We overcome by the blood He shed and our testimony in Him, and when we surrender our lives to Him we are victorious.

Sometimes, we just give way too much attention and focus to witchcraft and the demonic, and things of that nature more than is needed. We tend to place a lot of priority into what deserves less of our

spiritual burdens. We do not need to give it much credit at all.

At one point while living in San Diego, maybe you have heard this story from my Facebook page, I went toe to toe with a psychic, and in that moment there was no opposition. God revealed Himself in the midst and the beautiful lady was ministered to. While others were skeptical if doing something like this were allowed because the woman was a psychic, my focus wasn't on the alleged power she had but that He who is in me is so much greater! We should not be afraid because of someone's or something's supposed power. We have been given power and authority. We have Sonship.

**“LITTLE CHILDREN, YOU
CAN BE CERTAIN THAT YOU
BELONG TO GOD AND HAVE**

**CONQUERED THEM, FOR
THE ONE WHO IS LIVING IN
YOU IS FAR GREATER THAN
THE ONE WHO IS IN THE
WORLD. ”**

-JOHN 4:4

I remember a story from Jesse Duplantis, where he spent all-night rebuking a demon in his room while he was staying at someone else's house. He shared how he saw a shadow in the corner and started rebuking it through prayers of warfare, saying “I command you to go, I command you to leave.” And what happened as the morning came and light came into the room, he realizes that the whole time he was rebuking what he thought was a demon – and wasn't fleeing, wasn't listening to him, that he was lacking authority, and in that moment, he was actually rebuking a coat rack. He was

rebuking a coat rack the entire night when he thought that he was rebuking a demon instead.

This goes to show you that sometimes, what we think is the demonic sometimes is nothing more than a coat rack. It's just a coat rack trying to appear as a demon, trying to create fear inside of you, and how fear is one of the footholds that the enemy uses to get into people. It is through fear that the enemy creates anxiety and worry in the lives of people; thus, breaking their spiritual wall of defense.

**“FOR GOD WILL NEVER GIVE
YOU THE SPIRIT OF FEAR,
BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO
GIVES YOU MIGHTY POWER,
LOVE, AND SELF-CONTROL.”**

-2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Often times, the problem isn't necessarily the problem at hand, but sometimes it's the way that we respond to the problem or the situation in front of us. And so, the attack itself that we may be experiencing may not be as big as an issue as you think it is at that point. It may be less of a problem than you may have created it to be in your mind. There is a story of Smith Wigglesworth where he heard all these loud noises and he was ready to rebuke the devil. As he sits up in bed, he sees that the devil was this very little creature at the foot of his bed. The size of a snail or something small like that. What have we been afraid of? What have we been concerned about?

You see, what we're trying to rebuke is really small. We have a great authority inside of us. We have the same spirit that resurrected Christ dwelling inside of us. Therefore, there

is really nothing to fear at all whatsoever than the fear of the Lord.

**“WHEN YOU LIVE A LIFE OF
ABANDONED LOVE,
SURRENDERED BEFORE THE
AWE OF GOD, HERE’S WHAT
YOU’LL EXPERIENCE:
ABUNDANT LIFE.
CONTINUAL PROTECTION.
AND COMPLETE
SATISFACTION!”**

-PROVERBS 19:23

So, when we’re overcoming witchcraft, curses, or the like we shouldn’t be bothered or stressed by it because we have the same spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead dwelling inside and within us. We have been made victorious through the finished works of Christ on the cross. Therefore, your part is

simply to believe that Jesus has overcome, and hence, walk-in that victorious reality.

I have had several events happen to me in life, wherein times, if there was an attack or if there was anything to be revealed to me, it happens when I'm sleeping. I've had warlocks appear to me in the middle of the night trying to kill me or cripple me. A number of years ago when I was ministering in Victorville, CA, warlocks came to me in a dream. They were discussing how long it would take if they were to bleed me out until I would die. When I woke up from that, I was really a bit taken by surprise and had an unsettling feeling, but in that moment the Spirit of God rose up inside of me and started ministering to me. I have authority over this and I'm taking dominion in this city! I'm taking dominion in this land! There is authority inside of you if you are willing to

take a hold of it. There is nothing to be afraid of because you're a child of God. And so, this is to let you become aware that you have the authority to take over those situations that you're going through. You have the power of the Holy Ghost to overcome witchcraft.

To be honest, it wasn't exactly a fun experience that night but still, the fact is that I had authority over it, and they were threatened by my presence in their city. That's the kind of power and authority that you carry as a child of God. You carry the not just Dunamis power, but the city-shaking power and the city transformational power, and all of this dwells on the inside of you. There's something on the inside of you that gives you the ability to conquer the demonic realm, and it doesn't matter what's rising up against you. You just have to believe with

your heart and confess with your mouth. You just have to say, “In the name of Jesus, I command you to go!”

**“AND THESE SIGNS SHALL
FOLLOW THEM THAT
BELIEVE; IN MY NAME SHALL
THEY CAST OUT DEVILS...”**

-Mark 16:17

CHAPTER TWO

UMMM....

DON'T DO THAT

Some time ago I had multiple dreams and experiences throughout the night. I was constantly battling going from one survival situation to another. I was awakened in the middle of the night from my own voice. I woke up saying there was witchcraft going on, and that I needed to tell my roommate at the time that there was witchcraft happening.

However, my immediate response at that point was, “What do I do with the witchcraft?” I wasn’t concerned about who it was. I could care less about who it is, that is, who is doing the witchcraft as it is none of my business. I am not going to sit down there and start wasting the mental energy thinking about who’s responsible for the witchcraft that night. My fight is **NOT** with a person but it is in the spirit. What I am going

to do is to take authority over the situation by taking my position as a son!

“LORD, I TAKE AUTHORITY RIGHT NOW OVER EVERY SINGLE WORD CURSE AND EVERY SINGLE THING THAT HAS BEEN SPOKEN OVER ME TO CAUSE HARM AGAINST ME, WHETHER IT WAS INTENTIONAL OR WHETHER IT WAS NOT INTENTIONAL. I TAKE AUTHORITY OVER THE SPIRIT OF WITCHCRAFT. I TAKE AUTHORITY OVER ANY FORM OF MANIPULATION AND ANY OTHER TYPE OF WORD CURSES THAT HAVE BEEN SPOKEN OVER ME, AND I BREAK THEIR POWER RIGHT NOW IN THE NAME OF JESUS. I SPEAK BLESSINGS UPON THOSE WHO WOULD CURSE ME. GOD, I BLESS THEM, WHOEVER THEY ARE.”

I remember a number of years ago when I was in Brazil, we were ministering in a conference and some of the team came to

me saying that they were sensing a spirit of witchcraft operating in the room. Much to my surprise, they started praying for the witchcraft to go back to the person. They were asking God to send the witchcraft they were sensing back to the people who were participating in it. I was dumbfounded by this. I abruptly stopped them from doing such things because by doing so, they were literally responding to witchcraft with witchcraft in that moment. You don't curse those who curse you. Instead, you bless those who curse you. You love your enemies. And those who would try to rise up against you, you are to love them rather than hate and curse them. When we respond in the flesh, we simply are reacting out of fear and more than likely creating more warfare than there already is, not to mention, this is contrary to what the scriptures say. You do

not overcome evil with evil but rather,
overcome evil with good.

**“BE NOT OVERCOME OF
EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL
WITH GOOD.”
-ROMANS 12:21**

Therefore, one of the ways to overcome
witchcraft is to simply bless those who
would curse you.

***PRAYER:* FATHER, I ASK RIGHT
NOW IN THE NAME OF JESUS THAT
YOU BLESS THOSE WHO WOULD
SPEAK AGAINST ME. BLESS
THOSE WHO WOULD WANT TO
RISE UP AGAINST ME AND SPEAK
ILL OF ME. I PRAY THAT YOU
WOULD BLESS THEM
ABUNDANTLY. I PRAY RIGHT NOW
THAT YOU WOULD MULTIPLY
YOUR FAVOR UPON MY LIFE AND
BRING IT UP ON THEIRS. THAT
YOU WOULD MULTIPLY THE**

**BLESSINGS UPON MY LIFE AND
BRING IT UP ON THEIRS. THAT
GOD, YOU WOULD JUST REVEAL
EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING THAT
THEY HAVE AVAILABLE TO THEM
AND THAT YOU WOULD BEGIN TO
ENLIGHTEN THEIR EYES AND
THEIR UNDERSTANDING.**

There are several approaches to becoming victorious in an attack from witchcraft; they essentially have the same principle. The thing is, it's so easy to get caught up with looking at the people involved but our battle is not with the people but in the spirit. To overcome and conquer what is going on we must rise above it and respond in the opposite nature. Another thing to consider is simply praying this simple prayer that Jesus prayed; *"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do."*

**“THEN JESUS SAID, FATHER,
FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY
KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO”**

-LUKE 23:34

By doing this, we are extending mercy and forgiveness to the attacker, and smoldering the attack with love. We are asking for God to bless them; asking for God to reveal His goodness to them – that they would just be overwhelmed by the loving kindness and goodness of God that leads people to repentance.

**We don't respond
to witchcraft with
other forms of
cursing. We
respond to
witchcraft and to
the demonic by
simply blessing
those who would
curse us.**

CHAPTER THREE

**YOU'RE
HANGRY? EAT A
SNICKERS**

**“DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN
THE POWER OF THE
TONGUE..”
-PROVERBS 18:21**

For me, I have created a form of a regular practice every few months or so. I pray that same prayer from Chapter 2, but then I take it one step further. I take authority over anything that I might have said that could have been a curse, and that could have an adverse effect on somebody. This is because there are times when we get caught up in the heat of a situation, say something that we shouldn't have, or perhaps we have a really strong opinion that is poorly communicated or expressed. We tend to be opinionated, and by either being aware or unaware, we may release a curse or say something that we had no intention of carrying any weight, but regrettably, it did. In

this case, we have cursed the person and become guilty of cursing and quite possibly participating in some form of witchcraft. Rather than letting go and taking it as a light matter, we should seek forgiveness from the Lord while taking responsibility for the words that we have spoken over that person or situation. If not recognized in the very moment and repented of, this is the prayer that I usually say to cancel any cursing or word curses and bring blessing to anyone I may have wronged.

PRAYER: FATHER, FORGIVE ME FOR ANY WORDS THAT I HAVE SPOKEN THAT COULD BE A CURSE OR HAVE A NEGATIVE BEARING ON SOMEBODY RIGHT NOW. IF THERE IS ANY FORM OF CURSING FROM ME THAT IS CONNECTED TO THEM, I ASK THAT YOU BREAK THE POWER OF THOSE WORDS RIGHT NOW, IN THE NAME OF

**JESUS. FATHER, I REPENT OF
THOSE THINGS. THAT IS NOT MY
HEART. THAT IS NOT WHO I AM.
THAT IS NOT WHO YOU CREATED
ME TO BE. AND LORD, I ASK THAT
YOU BLESS THOSE PEOPLE. I
SPEAK BLESSINGS OVER THOSE
INDIVIDUALS. I SPEAK BLESSINGS
OVER THOSE PEOPLE. FORGIVE
ME FOR IT IS ARROGANT OF ME
TO SPEAK SOMETHING ILL OF ONE
OF YOUR CHILDREN.**

Through this prayer, we receive forgiveness from the Lord God, and from receiving forgiveness, we can speak blessings to the people. You see, sometimes we actually need to break the words that we've spoken. Knowing there is power in the words that we have spoken, it is important that we break the power of those words that could be over somebody else's life.

Often when we are actually trying to break something over our own lives, we need to do the same thing in regards to anything that we may have done as well. This is a principle found in the Lords Prayer in Matthew 6. We do not realize the effect of what we've done or what we've said – of the weight and power that it carries, and so we have to be careful in that regard to what we are doing because our words carry weight, and within the tongue is life and death. Within us, we have the ability to create life and the ability to take away life within our tongue, and so, it is imperative that whilst we are trying to seek out freedom from witchcraft or cursing, we should repent over anything that we have said so that we can bring liberty to the people that we may have bound in the process of our day to day life.

It is so important that we liberate those that we have spoken a curse over so that we can seek forgiveness from the Lord and also see ourselves set free from witchcraft, curses, and even unforgiveness. I know, it is easy to get caught up in an emotional moment, caught up in a heat of a situation, or very “passionate” in a discussion on a hot button topic; something that you don’t necessarily agree with or something that maybe you have partial understanding about, and in the process, you unintentionally release some type of curse. Keep in mind; it is important to repent of those things that you may have said in those fleshly moments. Then at that point, we can forgive those who have tried to curse us, forgive those who wish ill of us, we speak blessings over them, we cancel any form of assignment that has been released and we continue to decree blessings upon their lives.

Part of overcoming witchcraft, curses, and unforgiveness is by responding in the opposite nature. By responding in the nature of Jesus. It is in this nature that brings about a form of forgiveness to those individuals, a form of blessing to them – we bless those who would curse us. Where sin is built up love should be built up even higher and magnified so much greater.

**“...IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO
SHALL BE AGAINST US?”**

-ROMANS 8:31

Remembering who you are as a son or daughter, and your position is a key step to overcoming witchcraft. Knowing that no weapon formed against you can prosper; that God is inside of you and if He's with you, then what can be against you? I mean, everything will try to rise up to be against you, but when it comes down to it, nothing

is going to settle – that dust and curse cannot settle. And so, you do not accept and embrace what might have been said or done. Don't take a hold of it, and do not allow it to become a part of your identity.

The enemy will try to come and create fear inside of you, and if he can create fear inside of you, it's like he has a major hold against your freedom. Understand this, if you have fear, it just means that love has not yet finished its work in you. However, He will finish it.

**“THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE;
BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTS
OUT FEAR, BECAUSE FEAR
INVOLVES TORMENT. BUT HE
WHO FEARS HAS NOT BEEN
MADE PERFECT IN LOVE.”**

-1 JOHN 4:18

Love is actually going to come and finish its work in you. God is going to finish the work that He started in you because God is the author and finisher of your faith, and when He begins something, He's going to finish that same thing. And so, in that whole process that you are going through in that moment, He's going to finish what He started inside of you; therefore, there's really nothing for you to fear!!

Another key for overcoming all of this is by not allowing any fear to create, not allowing anything that happens to take a grip or part of you, and developing a mindset that affirms that you are a son and/or daughter of the living God.

**GOD IS FOR ME, HE LOVED
ME WAY BEFORE I WAS ON
HIS SIDE, AND HE WANTS TO
REVEAL HIMSELF TO ME!**

CHAPTER FOUR

**WE ARE THE
CHAMPIONS, MY
FRIENDS**

Understanding that the battle has already been won is essential to walking victoriously against the powers of witchcraft. A victorious mindset is very important in overcoming any form of the demonic, or the demonic. Having a victorious mindset is so important for the Body of Christ. We just can't be walking around defeated all the time as if we were powerless or something – we're actually very powerful because we have the Holy Spirit living within us. That is the resurrection power we are walking with. We are sons and daughters; we are children of God, and God has set us up to be victorious. To be the head and not the tail. And so, you are never going to be on the bottom. You're always going to be on top. Through this mindset and by the power of Holy Spirit that brings about transformation by the renewing of your mind, you are going to be overcoming not only witchcraft and

curses but also areas of bitterness and unforgiveness that have kept you bound and stagnate.

When I originally taught this I had the following vision in the midst of the teaching, and I believe it carries the same power in this book as it did when it happened.

PROPHETIC DECLARATION: I SEE ROPES BEING BROKEN OFF OF PEOPLE. I SEE CHAINS BEING BROKEN OFF PEOPLE. PEOPLE GETTING SET FREE FROM THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN BINDING THEM; FROM THE WORD CURSES AND FROM DIFFERENT FORMS OF WITCHCRAFT THAT THEY'VE ENDURED. GOD IS GOING TO SET YOU FREE AND BREAK THE POWER OF THE ENEMY OVER YOUR LIFE.

BE FREE RIGHT NOW. THOSE ROPES ARE BEING CUT OFF RIGHT NOW; THOSE CHAINS ARE BEING

UNDONE RIGHT NOW. YOU'RE BEING COMPLETELY SET FREE IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Blessing those who curse you, who do you wrong, or attack you is the way that you overcome – you don't battle witchcraft with witchcraft. You don't battle curses with curses, and you don't war against or with the flesh, but you battle curses with a blessing. You battle witchcraft with a blessing. You win by blessing. You overcome those who would try to be your enemy with love, with mercy, and with grace. Bless those who would try to rise up against you. Watch what happens. Watch what God will do, and what will open up over your life. You'll see a blessing that you can't even contain when you ask God to forgive your role in any of it and release blessings to others.

The dreams are not fun. The attacks are not fun, but do not give them any room – speak blessings, forgive and love. That's how you overcome and live victoriously.

**“BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, LOVE
YOUR ENEMIES, BLESS
THEM THAT CURSE YOU, DO**

**GOOD TO THEM THAT HATE
YOU, AND PRAY FOR THEM
WHICH DESPITEFULLY USE
YOU, AND PERSECUTE YOU.”**
-MATTHEW 5:44

It's so easy to overcome witchcraft, curses, and unforgiveness – just speak blessing despite what you may feel or go through. Just keep releasing the blessing upon them. That's how you defeat it because no curse can stand against you when you're overcoming it with the same love that the Father has towards you.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, we just break the power of any curse or witchcraft and we speak blessing over those involved. We bless those who would curse us.

.I ask in the name of Jesus, that any witchcraft, which has been spoken over your sons and daughters, and any curses that may have settled to be broken. We cancel the assignment. Father, we send blessings to those individuals who would try to curse us. We send blessings to those who would speak ill of us. We send blessings to those who would try to rise up in the opposite spirit in the name of Jesus. We ask that You forgive them. Forgive them for they do not know what they do. That You

would put a blessing upon their life, and that You would cause them to prosper in all sorts of ways. That you would shine Your light upon them so that they may see You. God, I also ask that You forgive us. Forgive Your sons and daughters for any way that we have spoken curses or operated in a sense of witchcraft by speaking ill words over anyone. Forgive us, God, in the name of Jesus.

