



Welcome to Rehoboth
New Life Center
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Spiritual Warfare

Part 3: The Weapon that Heals



Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Spiritual Warfare: Casualties



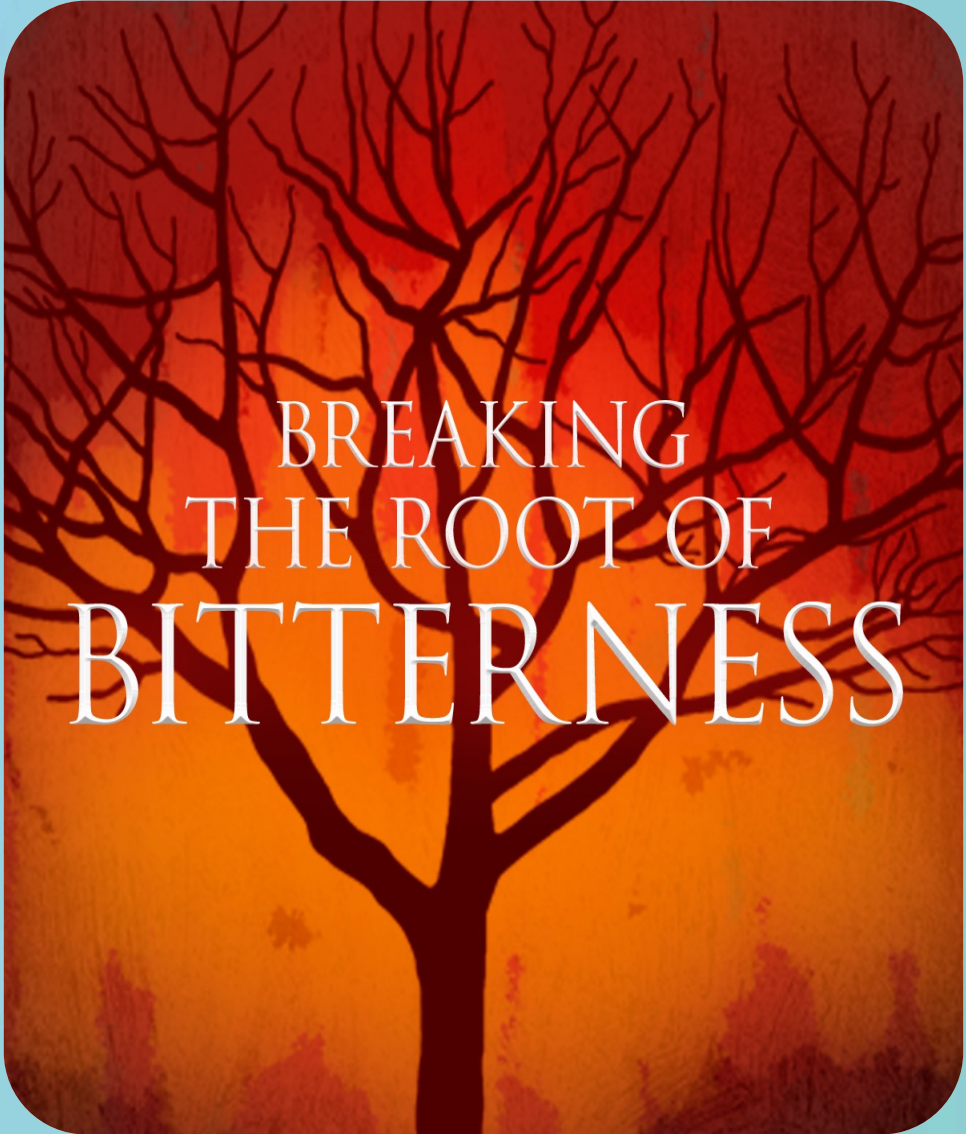
- Luke 10:30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, **and wounded him**, and departed, leaving him half dead.
- John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall have tribulation:** but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
- Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must **through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**

Spiritual Warfare: Anxiety and fear



- Numbers 13:31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.
- 32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.
- 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.
- Numbers 14:1 ¶ And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

Spiritual Warfare: Wounds of Bitterness!



BREAKING
THE ROOT OF
BITTERNESS

- Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
- 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; **lest any root of bitterness** springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;
- Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
- 31 **Let all bitterness, and wrath,** and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
- 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

The Weapon of Attack



- Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

A Weapon That Heals



1 Corinthians 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Weapon That Heals!



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- Luke 10:31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.
- 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, **he had compassion on him,**
- 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

The Weapon that heals

LOVE

LOVE is patient

LOVE is kind

LOVE does not envy

LOVE does not boast

LOVE is not conceited

1 Corinthians 13:4

- 1 Corinthians 13:1 ¶ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
- 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
- 4 ¶ Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
- 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
- 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
- 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

The Weapon that Comforts

YOU, LORD, ARE
FORGIVING AND
GOOD, ABOUNDING
IN LOVE TO ALL
WHO CALL TO
YOU.

Psalm 86:5

- Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- 37 No, in all these things we are more than **conquerors through him who loved us**. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from **the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord**.
- 2 Corinthians 1:4 **Who comforteth us in all our tribulation**, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

The Weapon that is required!



Love your enemies

Bless those who curse you,
do good to those who hate you,
and pray for those who
spitefully use you and persecute you,
that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:44-45 (New King James Version)

- Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee**, but to do justly, and **to love mercy**, and to walk humbly with thy God?
- Matthew 5:44 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;
- John 13:34 **A new commandment** I give unto you, **That ye love one another**; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

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Spiritual Warfare: You Cannot Fight Without Love!

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8
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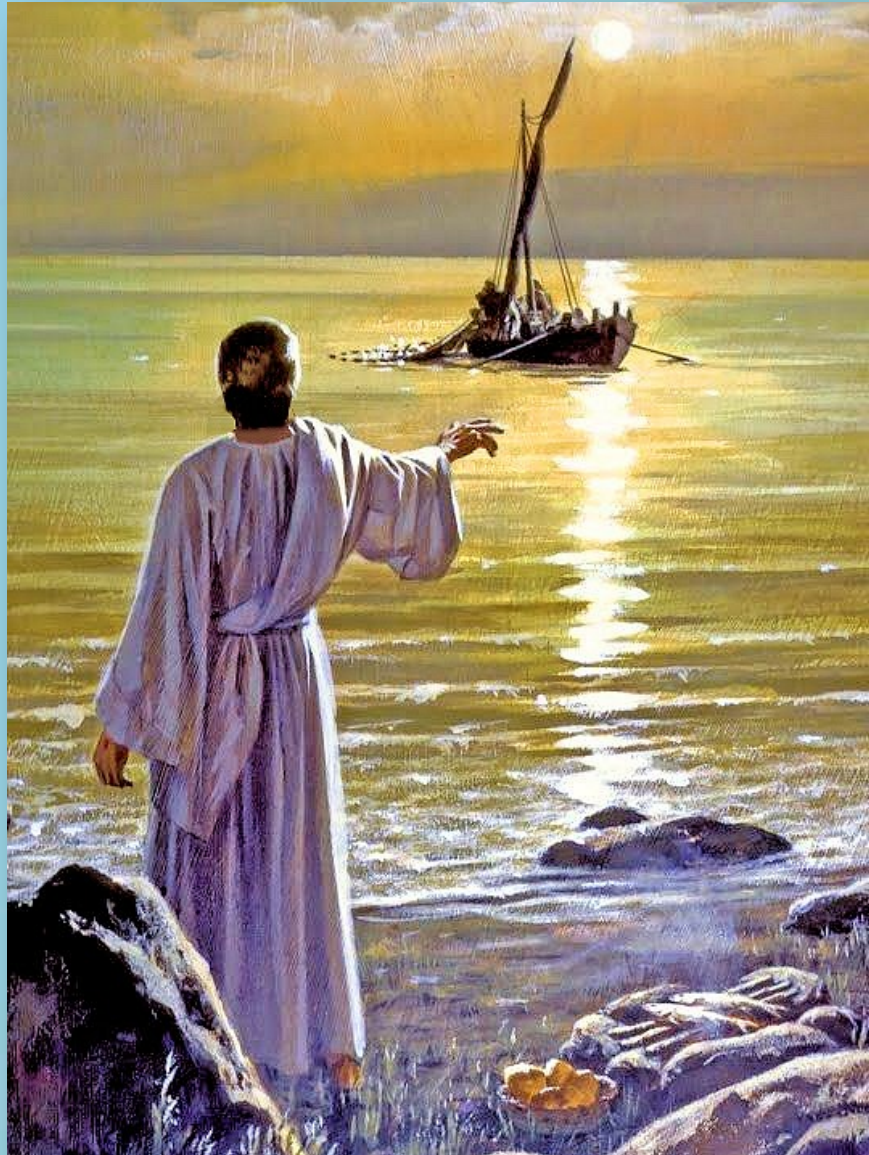
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- 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

The double-bladed Weapon!

Love GodLove Your Fellow Man



- Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”
Matthew 22:36-40 NIV
- For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings. Hosea 6:6 NIV



- John 21:3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.
- 4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.
- 5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.
- 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.
- 7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.



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- 8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.
- 9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.
- 10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.
- 11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.
- 12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

The Question ? Are you ready to Fight ?

Do you Love Me, Do you Love the Sheep ?



- John 21:13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.
- 14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.
- 15 ¶So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
- 16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
- 17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

God's Weapon is Love!



1 Peter 3:8 ¶Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

- 1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
- 2 John 1:6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.
- 1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
- 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
- Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
- Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.