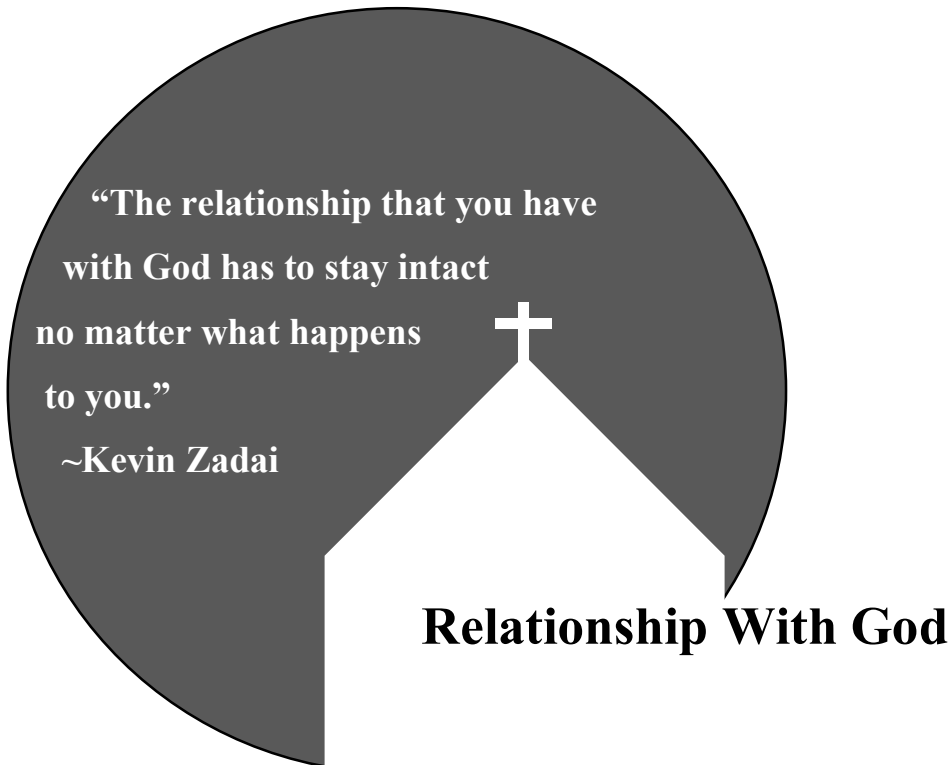


WARRIOR FELLOWSHIPS: SEASON 2

WEEK TWENTY-TWO



Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

—Luke 6:22-23

DISCUSSION:

Your relationship with God is the most important thing, especially in these end times. Paul warned Timothy that trying times were coming upon us (2 Timothy 3).

We would witness the loss of family members and friends, and it would turn really dark. We would witness betrayal and family turning against one another, and there would be a lot of false doctrine coming forth in these last days. The reason I'm saying this is not to be negative, but because you may be going through something or standing for Jesus Christ while you're being pressured to believe certain things, and maybe people are being like Job's wife and saying to curse God and die. People are getting to where they're mad that you even believe in God. In some countries, some of you are being threatened by other people, but the Lord wants you to know that it's about your relationship with God. If people leave you or hurt you, or turn their backs on you, remember Jesus said that this would happen. If they abandon Him, they're going to abandon you. If they hated Him, they're going to hate you. (John 15:18). He said you should rejoice if you're rejected or if you're being left out. Because of the anointing and the glory that's on you; "Great is your reward in Heaven." (Matthew 5:12) You're being persecuted for the word's sake.

Your relationship with Jesus Christ is so important that you have to weigh it against what's happening to you and even with your friends and family. The Lord warned me about everything that was going to happen. Of course, it did happen, but He said, "You're going to lose a lot of friends, and ministry will change. Ministry as you know it is done, and I'm pulling lampstands. You're going to see ministries disappear; you're going to see people walk away from the ministry and walk away from you." The reason is that they went as far as they could go with the Lord.

When you decide to keep on going, there will be a distance between you and the person if they stop. Jesus was saying to me, I'm going to bring you other friends, but they're going to be fewer in number. They will not replace what you lost, but they will be good friends, and they will come alongside and help you. He was very

positive about a negative thing. He said, “Repentance is when you turn your gaze back to me. All that people need to realize is that anything that draws their attention away from looking at My face is idolatry; it’s idol worship. Anything that has captured your attention and affection is idolatry. That is why I tell the Church to repent and come back to their first love.”

It's because someone or something has taken their gaze away, and they need to repent. They need to turn back to the gaze of their Creator, which is Jesus Christ. Your relationship with God has to stay intact no matter what happens to you. Many will leave you, but you still have a relationship with Jesus Christ. He's the one that can take care of everything for you no matter what. Even if they all leave, He's going to remain faithful.

Are you ready to give up everything that has been placed before Him?

GOD IS IN YOUR FUTURE

- ❖ **Revelation 3:20 TPT:** Behold, I’m standing at the door knocking. If your heart is open to hearing My voice and you open the door within, I will come in to you and feast with you, and you will feast with me.

This is in the book of Revelation. If you remember these first couple of chapters, He's writing letters to the different churches, and most of them didn't pass the test, and they were being warned. Jesus had something to say to each church. Included with each of these churches is a promise if they obey. Here, in this particular situation and verse, He's saying, let that open door be the one thing you walk into, but when you get in there, there's going to be a table set up. He said, you're going to sit down, and I'm going to feast with you, and you will feast with me, and we're going to have fellowship together. This was the promise for this particular situation. What I like to do is take all those promises that Jesus says, and I obey and meditate on them all the time. If Jesus made a promise to the seven churches in Northern Turkey, and they're all gone now, then I'll go ahead and take those good promises and do the right thing with them. You can do that as well.

He's inviting you to feast with Him and sit at a table, and you can talk to Him and discuss your future. The secret that I've learned from the Lord is you get Him to talk about your future, and then you don't even have to ask Him about your present. I usually don't pray. I don't have any real requests. When I go to the Lord, I don't ask Him for anything except wisdom. I ask Him for wisdom because if I have wisdom, then I don't have any more questions. I also found that if I have Him talk to me about my future, the present does not have to be addressed because we're past that. My present is my past, and my future is His present because He's standing in it. He's standing in your future as though it is now.

When I talk to Him, I ask Him how the weather is. We do that with our friends. When we call our friends in Switzerland, we ask them how it is going tomorrow because they're already in tomorrow. They are one day ahead of us. When you get to a point in your relationship with Jesus, you don't come to Him with a bunch of

requests and needs. You just let Him talk about your future, and then you realize you're going to make it. These are just light and momentary things.

❖ **Psalms 139:5 TPT:** You've gone into my future to prepare the way, and in kindness you follow behind me to spare me from the harm of my past. You have laid your hand on me!

God has been to your future. He's paved a pathway to it, and He's standing there. That's the Jesus I met. If you're going through things right now, you have to remember that your relationship with God is eternal, and you can never go wrong by investing in your relationship with God. I would go into the door that is open before you, sit with Jesus and talk to Him, and feast with Him about your future. It is very bright where He is right now.

Be encouraged because satan's time is short, and he knows it. I realized I can't always figure out what the devil's going to do next, but I know what God's going to do next by the spirit. We don't concentrate on the next move of the enemy. We anticipate his moves by being placed in the future by the Spirit of God and doing pre-emptive strategies against him. God pre-empts us ahead of time. He already knows your next step, even though you don't know you're going to have to take one. He already knows these things and wants to share them with you.

Make a plan to get with God and discuss the promises He has for you.

YOU ARE GOD'S NEW CREATION

Your relationship with God is permanent because you're connected to the Godhead through Jesus Christ. You're connected and considered part of the family. That's why Jesus would leave the 99 to go after the one. He can't deny His own. He is your family. He can't deny you because He would be denying Himself, and He can't do that. People always ask why doesn't He get rid of the disembodied spirits, the demons? Why doesn't He get rid of the angels that disobeyed, the hybrid races, and the disembodied spirits that are now present? Why doesn't He just stop them and get rid of them? Why didn't they just disappear? Why doesn't He tell the devil to turn into a puff of smoke and disappear? The reason He can't do that is that when He decided to create, He took a part of Himself to do that. It came out from Him, and you can't destroy spiritual matter. You can't get rid of a spirit, and most people don't understand that. Maybe you can't accept it, but that's why demons have to be incarcerated and not be destroyed because of spiritual matters, and God created everything. Everything that you see, according to Hebrews and Romans, was made through Jesus Christ. It came through Him. All life as we know it came from God. I want to encourage you that what God has instituted is a totally new creation in you, and there's nothing now that you can't do if God is with you.

❖ **Additional Scriptures:**

John 15:1-8:

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

John 1:10-13 KJV:

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Discuss:

- 1. What would it be like to go through the door and sit and feast with Jesus?
It's the door of access. Imagine how your life would be different.**

- 2. Discuss how you are connected to Jesus through the vine. (John 15:1-8.)**

- 3. Discuss John 1:10-13, where it talks about “those who received Jesus; He gave them the power to become sons of God.”**

PRAYER:

Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You Lord right now by the power of the Spirit Lord, all the warriors all over the world right now as they receive this impartation right now, Father, I thank You that You're our number one. Lord, we submit to You, and we thank You for this relationship that You've given us through Jesus Christ. We thank You, Lord, that You're taking us to our future and You're showing us, Lord, that we can have pre-emptive strategies against the enemy and it's not over until you say it's over.