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Don't Cease Fire!!

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Many of you are aware that I am working in Afghanistan, in the middle of a War Zone. Needless to say, there have been countless lessons for me to learn being in this situation.

I have had to think more in military terms even though I am not Military. When I first arrived in “Country” (that’s what everyone calls it when you start to work in Afghanistan), I had to be issued PPE. For those of you who don’t know what PPE means, it is “Personal Protective Equipment”.... better known as an army helmet and bullet-proof vest. The vest weighs around 25 pounds and feels like an elephant is on you.

Now all this military gear triggered my memory about the armor (gear) that the Word tells us to put on for protection.

Ephesians 6:10-18 : 10 “ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

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These passages instruct us to be strong in the Lord and not in our selves. It tells us plainly to put on the “whole armor of God” and the reason being is that we have an enemy that wants us demobilized, disarmed and if he had his way; we would be dead. Believe it or not, the devil wants to take you and me out! Now on the other hand, we serve a mighty God that says we can be strong in the power of His might. That tells me that we are stronger than our enemies.

We should not get entangled in fighting with people. Our Commander and Chief has ordered us is to fight the good fight of faith that Paul talks about in **1 Timothy 6:12**: “ Fight the good fight



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of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses”. Paul goes on to write in 2 Timothy 2:4 “No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs--he wants to please his commanding officer” (NIV).

In today’s US Military, soldiers enlist and choose to serve their Country. Now back in the days when there was a Draft, many US men choose to avoid being drafted for one reason or another. It doesn’t matter why, my point here is they choose to not fight or go to war. The scriptures on a number of occasions talks about the children of God as “soldiers”. Interesting enough, once we are born again, we don’t get a choice whether we want to be in the army, God already set it up that way. We do have a choice if we will fight the “good fight of faith”.

Living in a War Zone makes me appreciate the freedom I have in America. On a daily bases our freedom is being stripped and our Constitution is being chiseled into a weakened document. However, there is one thing that will not change and that is the Word of God. It cannot be altered, re-written, amended, appended or voted on by any government to make it void, unconstitutional or outdated. Man has no control over the Word of God. The Word of God is the **WORD OF GOD!**

Due to the lack of respect and response to the Word of God, many have set themselves up to see unusual things in this year. The year 2012 will be a year that governments around the world will falter and many leaders will fall. There will be countries that thought they were immune to world events and falsely think they will be able to stay under the radar. Not so. There are countries that boost and flaunt their power and will be snatched from the World Scene. I believe we will see unprecedented amount of leaders die from natural causes and as war casualties”.

The year 2012 is an important year. The very number “12” is a significant number. It’s Biblical meaning of the number twelve is a perfect number, signifying perfection of government, or of governmental perfection. Those governments that are opposing God and Israel will be found wanting. The handwriting is on the wall of history for 2012 and it appears to be saying to the world leaders the same thing that was said to King Belshazzar in the Book of Daniel.

Daniel 5: 25 “And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN”. 26 “This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it”. 27 “TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting”. 28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians”.



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The Government is upon His shoulder so we do not have to carry the weight of what is happening in the nations. We only need to suit up with our spiritual armor and stand firm in His power and pray for the nations.

The future will require our full submission to answer the call to duty from our Commander and Chief, Jesus. Stand your post, fight and don't cease firing because the fingerprint of God is on this year.

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