

11.2.21 PCL Training Warrior Training in the Fire

We are in the move of God to redeem, to restore, to rebuild us, the Church, and our nation.

He is equipping us to walk in His justice, in His way. He is redeeming us and redeeming our nation.

The land was given to Yeshua by the Father as part of His inheritance. He has given it to us, His Church, to possess and re-occupy until He sets up His physical Kingdom on planet earth.

Psalm 2:7-8 CJB

*"I will proclaim the decree:
ADONAI said to me,
'You are my son;
today I became your father.
8 Ask of me, and I will make
the nations your inheritance;
the whole wide world
will be your possession.*

In the last PCL Training we looked at two scriptures which linked us to fulfilling this mission assignment.

Deut. 16:20 CJB

*Justice, only justice, you must pursue so that you **may live and inherit (possess) the land ADONAI your God is giving you.***

Deut. 25:13-16 AMPC

13 You shall not have in your bag true and false weights, a large and a small.

14 You shall not have in your house true and false measures, a large and a small.

*15 But you shall have a perfect and just weight and a perfect and just measure, **that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.***

¹⁶ For all who do such things, all who do unrighteously, are an abomination to the Lord your God.

These two scriptures help us see the Lord's point of view on justice and its connection to us occupying the land.

JA has been serving in the trenches for quite a while, especially the last two years. The battle has been long, fierce and tedious. But it is in these trenches of warfare where God is forming us and is transforming us into end time warriors for His Kingdom. When the heat is hot we know He is smelting us into His image, forming us into His likeness, burning away all dross, enabling us to endure and we are being made into a pure vessel of honor

When the battle is fierce, it may cause us to feel like we have had setback after setback after setback. But as we said a few minutes ago, in the midst of the storm, the Lord is transforming us.

In the midst of our enemies, our Lord is preparing the table for us.
(Ps. 23:5)

Listen to a familiar Psalm written by one of the most anointed warriors in the army of the Lord – the Warrior King David.

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.

² He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters.

³ He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake.

⁴ Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

⁶ Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

Isn't it odd that David speaks of the Lord's Shepherding presence refreshing and restoring him even in the midst of his enemies?

David learned the secret of transformation in the storm. We do not try to run from the race but run to finish the race. Why? Because He is transforming us – teaching us to be like Him.

So the Lord Himself strengthens our feeble knees, helping us lift up our hands that hang down and teaches us to gird up our loins that we may cross the finish line of the race.

For some, because the battle has been so severe, the price so high, that they felt they could not continue in the warfare. Faith got lost in the battle, and they could no longer believe for the victory of the mission.

In this time of warring, many have lost their joy. For some, the battles have been so severe and so intense that it has left their minds scarred causing their **joy** to actually become a casualty of war.

When we lose sight of our Lord, we tend to almost view what the devil is doing as bigger than our Lord. These warriors know the seriousness of the times and can persuade others of that seriousness, but they have lost the victor's joy. When we are in the trenches for so long, sometimes we only see the opposition, never seeing the ground that has been taken - because the storm has been so intense, so strong.

The training is so intense because the deception coming is going to be so high, so deceptively believable. Only the known truth of God in us, in Word and His Voice leading us will save us from falling prey to this scheme of the enemy.

Sometimes it is necessary for the Lord to use "shock treatment" to help break us out of old patterns of thinking. We have been experiencing a good

bit of this in the last couple of years. The enemy likes to induce fear, doubt trying to always make things look worse than they are, to have a trauma affect. He also does this to discourage people from continuing when things get rough.

Hear the Promise of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1b-3a KJV

¹ ...Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

² When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

³ For I am the LORD thy God...

Joel 3:9-11 AMPC

⁹ Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare war! Stir up the mighty men! Let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.

¹⁰ Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong [a warrior]!

¹¹ Hasten and come, all you nations round about, and assemble yourselves; there You, O Lord, will bring down Your mighty ones (Your warriors).

The Lord is with us – He never leaves nor forsakes us, which means He is working something greater in us - deeper things God is doing in and through you in the battle. He's teaching us the importance of perseverance and waiting on the timing of the Lord. God is NEVER late!!! This is one of the crucial things to learn in our times and in days ahead. It helps us have longevity in the battle, to do our part and wait for Him to do His. As a result of what we go through and endure, God helps identify weaker areas that we need to strengthen and our need to go deeper with Him.

Moses' day - In God's timing He set up and destroyed the whole Egyptian army - the largest, most powerful army the world had to offer – gone, destroyed in a matter of minutes.

Joshua and those with him – followed the instruction of the Lord and an impenetrable city's walls fell into the ground, and they were able to take Jericho.

God has given us the land, but we have to take it from its enemies!
That's a large part of what we do in intercession.

David – when he confronted Goliath

David had been in training as a shepherd, as a worshipper tending the sheep... it all prepared him for his destiny.

David learned no fear because God was with him. He learned how to prevail against the lion and the bear because he was entrusted with the responsibility of the sheep.

David's faith and trust in God prepared him for greatness – because nothing was too big for his God.

God in David was the hope of Glory, and so it is with you!

This is why when Goliath was taunting and insulting Isra'el, David never flinched... what did he say... the same thing you should say...

1 Sam 17:26c *"Who is this uncircumcised P'lishti (Philistine) anyway, that he challenges the armies of the living God?"*

He accepted the challenge because of what he had endured in keeping the sheep, knowing that God was with him. Just like when he encountered the Lion and the Bear, because of his faith in God, David prevailed – David (a shepherd boy with trust in God) killed one of the largest giants alive, and the enemies of Isra'el were fleeing from before them.

His training qualified him to shepherd God's flock Israel and later to be King of Israel. Even the seat of Messiah is referred to as the "Throne of David"

We could go on and on of the testimonies all the way up to our day.

Be encouraged by the Word of the Lord

Genesis 49:18 *I wait for your deliverance, ADONAI.*

Psalms 37:7 *Be still before ADONAI; wait patiently till he comes. Don't be upset by those whose way succeeds because of their wicked plans.*

As warriors as we saw in our last session, we have to be able to receive orders and make the necessary changes in a moment. We have to be pliable, flexible.

Our WFJM leadership team has to be willing to go any direction in any given moment – based on what the Lord has need of.

We have to be willing to shift. This is difficult for those who don't like change, that like to know where they are going or know each step before time – this can be hard for them.

Many of our Special Forces Military teams (Seals, Green Beret, Rangers, USAF Para Rescue) don't always have their assignment until they are enroute to their destination. This is because the element of surprise gives a formidable advantage to those specially trained teams.

But this is how the Lord surprises and ambushes the enemy, the enemy doesn't know what He's going to do until it's already in progress and the enemy has no defense against it.

The comfort is that we let go of our expectations and listen to the Lord. The Lord is in control, He just needs us to fulfill our part. We're learning like **Joel 2:7-8,11a** says to stay in our order not jostling each other

Joel 2: 7 *Like warriors they charge, they scale the wall like soldiers. Each one keeps to his own course, without getting in the other's way. 8 They don't jostle each other, but stay on their own paths; they burst through defenses unharmed, without even breaking rank.*

11 *ADONAI shouts orders to his forces - his army is immense, mighty, and it does what he says.*

Gideon

Several years ago when we were pastors at MorningStar, we went for prophetic ministry at the first conference we attended. There were three people hearing prophetically in this session and the lead guy (which later became good pastor friends of ours) said, as soon as you came in and sat down *I saw "Gideon's Army."* Bill said some other things but they aren't applicable here.

Joel's Army is like Gideon's Army, in that He is using a small number of intercessor warriors to battle for this nation and the nations of the earth.

God chose Gideon's Army based on what they did or did not do.

God did not want the men in the army to take the glory for what He was about to do...

So He took them down to an impossible number to show Himself strong.

Do you have an impossible situation? Good, you qualify for a miracle from God!

He told Gideon, "I will show you who to keep and who to let go, I will sift them for you."

Some were let go because of fear (22,000 troops - Judges 7:3) Law of the Army - **Deuteronomy 20:8, (If you are anxious or afraid - you may go home, we don't want you to discourage the other soldiers).** Some for the way they conducted themselves by not paying attention, and others by their level of whole hearted commitment.

Take the military for example – Special forces would have been killed in an engagement, if they had done like a lot of Gideon's men did. If you are a serious force, you are constantly paying attention in "situational awareness" in the natural as well as in the spirit when you do what we are doing. This is a skill that can be taught, but must be developed to be effective. For us it's learning to hear clearly, being able to discern the voice of the Lord no matter how He chooses to speak and do what we heard.

Hence what Yeshua told His talmidim (disciples)
Luke 8:18a *Pay attention, then, to how you hear!*

Gideon started off with 32,000, then down to 10,000, then down to 300.
So God could get the glory, not Gideon, not the army –but God!

In closing, our obedience through the GOEs, through the prayer shields and constant intercession from the different cells and people praying with us around the world have made so much bigger impact than you can imagine. We serve a God who is able to do all things... He is still Creator and He is still creating. We are about to see things that have not been seen since Biblical times, if we will stand strong and not quit.

We need to ask for grace every day because His mercies are new every morning.

Lamentations 3:22 *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.*

23 They (His Mercies) are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness.

We'll never know this side of heaven what our intercession has saved us from as a nation. Even if we were told, we couldn't believe it.