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Dedication

I devote this book to members of The Warrior Class. This is a community of Prophetic Intercessors who support the assignments around my ministry through prayer, prophetic perception and military intelligence.

Together we seek to produce breakthrough in whatever place the Lord commands us to go. The Warrior Class are people who are devoted to training, learning and their own development. They are fighters, warriors and champions in the Joshua and Caleb mold.

They love intimate connection with the Lord Jesus and adore Life in the Holy Spirit. They are a great crew.

I especially dedicate this book to Allison Bown, the Director of The Warrior Class and the Council that support her in leadership. This team plus the Regional Leaders who provide oversight and support on the ground all have my thanks for the sterling work they provide in ensuring that every event I do has a strong, powerful, prophetic edge.

We can't all get it together; but together we can get it all.

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A Note on Meditation

The purpose of this book is to lead you out of the busyness of life and into the still waters of deep thought, restful perception and therefore *presence*. As you give yourself to this process you will become more God-conscious, more of a worshipper, and more peaceful in how you approach life.

To meditate means to think deeply about something or someone. It means to explore with mind and heart, allowing what you think to touch your innermost being.

Meditation is creative thought which leads us to the higher realm of revelation and wisdom. It takes us beyond the place of reason to where joy is seated and faith is activated.

Meditation allows us to search inside and outside the box of our current paradigm. What you see and hear there touches you profoundly. It adds a ring around the core truth of Christ which is God within, the certainty of freedom.

Fruitful meditation is therefore not a casual seeking for revelatory insight. Initial creative thoughts are merely the "X" that marks the spot. There is treasure in meditation, a guarantee of wealth in the pursuit of God.

Many are satisfied with collecting random truth on the surface of their consciousness. It is good, wholesome stuff, but it does not satisfy and it cannot challenge the complexities of life in a warfare context.

Deep truth has to be mined over days and weeks. It takes joy and patience to take truth down to its deepest level. Beyond meeting our current needs. Beyond the depth of understanding the power it releases to us against our adversary. Down to the depth where God lives in the highest places of heaven. For all meditation must ultimately come before the throne of His majesty, sovereignty and supremacy. He fills all things with Himself.

Our current situation requires wisdom, but even more it yearns for *Presence*. Meditation allows us to experience both, through the word coming alive in our spirit. Meditation leads us to God and the permission of His heart. Learn to be in the question peacefully with God. Let the Holy Spirit teach you how

to abide. Turn inwardly and rest; wait patiently... He will come. When your heart gets restless, turn to worship. When the interior atmosphere settles, return to listening.

Write down initial thoughts but do not pursue them just yet. Do not be distracted by what you hear initially. Set it aside; come back to it later.

When first entering a lifestyle of meditation, take care to ease into it slowly. An hour at first, then longer until half a day and so on.

Always have a focus; do not try to wait in a vacuum. In this book are a series of sayings and life statements. Take time to process them. Enjoy the stillness of deep thinking and allow your heart to flow in and out of worship.

Use the questions as the Spirit leads. They are not prescriptive but merely a guide to enable your contemplation. No doubt you will discover better questions as the Holy Spirit tutors you.

Enjoy!

About Personal Notes

Following every entry, you will find blank or mostly blank pages like this one. Each of these has a question or questions to help direct you in your meditation. They can be used or ignored; they are merely there as a starting point or guide. These “Personal Notes” sections have been included so you may write His thoughts and keep them close.

Dear Reader:
I have deliberately not
expounded on some
concepts... the Holy
Spirit will have that
pleasure Himself.
Just ask!

We are defined by the quality of the opposition against us!

When we look at a giant, there are mixed messages that we receive. Firstly, the enemy tells us that we are too small and not strong enough, big enough or powerful enough to overcome the opposition in front of us. The purpose of the enemy is to make us feel like grasshoppers in our own sight (Numbers 13:33). The enemy has a vested interest in our low self-esteem and powerlessness.

The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, is always too confident to be taken in by such immature foolishness. He points to the opposition and says: "That's the size you are going to be when this fight is over! By the time we are finished with him you will have exchanged dimension, stature and power. The reason I have given you an enemy of this size and power is so that you will have a visual image of what you are about to become".

As we look at the size of the opposition there is a stirring in our hearts. Destiny always shows its face at moments like this. Joshua became leader of Israel after his encounter with giants. Caleb was rightly called "a man of a different spirit". The enemy always shows you what you must become in order to defeat him. It is part of his unconscious programming and one of the many reasons why God always leads us in triumph (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Our vision of God can never be diminished by the enemy, only enhanced. When we see God as big as He is then our vision of ourselves grows by being in His shadow.

Never take any cue from what the enemy is saying or doing. Our life is only about the power of the one, with the ONE! To overcome we must rethink our status. God allows in His wisdom what He can easily prevent by His power. If we have a giant in our life it is because we are meant to be a giant ourselves. The circumstances in front of us are designed therefore to increase our size in the Spirit.

We are heading into a situation that is suppose to take us to the next dimension of anointing; upgrade our stature in relation to Jesus; and radically increase our power in the Holy Spirit.

Or, if you prefer, you can quit. Go back to Egypt and never realize your true self and the inheritance that goes with it.

Personal Notes

What is the giant in front of you at this time? Describe it and the effect it has on your faith and vision of yourself.

What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this? What new vision of yourself is forming in your heart? Describe the upgrade.

What promises are coming to this new identity; what provisions and resources can be claimed at this time?

The battle is not ours to win... it is ours to lose

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Jesus has disarmed both rulers and authorities, making a mockery of their power in the process and celebrating His own triumph over them by the cross (Colossians 2:15). Now as ever the battle is not ours but the Lord's (2 Chronicles 20:15).

We serve a powerful King who loves to fight! He laughs at those who oppose him (Psalms 2:4; 37:13). In the Kingdom, we fight *from* victory; not towards it. Jesus has already won. In Him we partake of His overcoming. We are more than conquerors because we know the outcome before we enter the fray.

In Christ, our posture before the enemy must reflect our status in the Kingdom. We are an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. We have been given power and authority through the Holy Spirit. In warfare, we rejoice before we pray. We give thanks for His majesty and supremacy. We are not overcome by our circumstances, we are overwhelmed by sovereignty. We are too busy being fascinated by Jesus to be intimidated by the enemy. We rejoice so that our praying can be powerful and effective. We praise because we occupy the position of an overcomer.

We stand in this space and we occupy our standing in Jesus through praise of His Majesty. The battle is won already; it is our partnering with victory that guarantees the outcome. We have the capacity to lose this battle only by default.

Lack of true rejoicing and thanksgiving will always embolden the enemy at our expense. The power of wickedness may increase in our perception if our worship is diminished and our focus on sovereignty reduced.

The only viable answer to intimidation is an increase in intimacy with the Lord. David was a "man after God's own heart;" i.e., a worshipper. His intimacy gave him power over the intimidation of Goliath. He became a giant killer.

We can lose every fight if we have no focus. If our lives display a lack of worship we will never even show up for the fight. We

will lose because we do not know how to stand. We will petition God for power when He has already given us authority in Jesus' name. In rejoicing we receive revelation concerning the particulars of our overcoming.

Decide who you want to be and the Holy Spirit will empower you to become it.

Personal Notes

What victory belongs to you in this current situation?

What upgrade in rejoicing is required?

What position is available to you in Christ at this time?