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Fore-Word

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But **small is the gate, and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.**

John 15:7,8

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Revelation 12:10

For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down – he who accuses them day and night before our God. They have conquered them by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

I would like to thank my wife and children for their support in the living out of these testimonies, and to my dear sisters in Christ Pauline and Caitlin for collating and editing these testimonies into book form.

I have decided to bring these to print as a legacy for my children, grandchildren and brothers and sisters in the Lord as a map of God's principles and testimonies of our journey here on earth.

I believe that in years to come as my relatives hear of our exploits in the Holy Spirit, and their hunger in God is sparked, they will want to know what secrets of God we discovered.

I believe that these testimonies will cause them to search for the truth.

- Raf

THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE

Zechariah 3:1-3 "Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel."

v.1 Whenever the angel of the Lord is present, there will be opposition.

(v.2) Say "I am a brand plucked from the fire."

v.3 Every one of us is clothed in filthy garments standing before the Angel of God on the day we walk into the Kingdom. God says He has given us a robe of righteousness. He has dressed us.

We're getting into this dressing because we're getting dressed for the wedding feast.

Rev 19:7-8 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."

We dress ourselves for the wedding feast. The righteous acts of the saints is fine linen. This is not the robe of righteousness, this is the fine linen.

In the Old Testament fine linen represented no work on our behalf, no sweat. In the book of Ezekiel the Lord said we can't mix linen and wool. In the book of Leviticus wool represented sweat, us doing our thing to get there.

Righteous acts dress us for the wedding feast. A righteous act is a place where we go into the throne room, speak to the Lord, find out what our job is and go and do it. Then it has the stamp of approval and authority from our God. That is a righteous act – anything else will be burned up on the day of reckoning because it will be our own works.

That's why it's so important that we hear God to do what we need to do. Some people will get to the wedding feast and have enough cloth for a bikini. Others will be fully dressed. We need to understand that we dress ourselves.

If we go back to the book of Zechariah our acts of faith, our acts of righteousness all have significance in the spirit realm. If we do something here on earth it has an effect 'up there' in the spirit realm. We'll find that we'll

get rewarded by the Lord for what we have done here. We're filling up our 'goody bag' in heaven. There are rewards that come because of the things that we do down here.

Joshua was pulled out of the fire the same as all of us and he was standing before the Angel.

Zechariah 3: 4 "Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."

God will clothe us with rich robes.

Zechariah 3: 5 "And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by."

God clothed him with righteous robes, blood-red righteous robes, the covering of the blood. We do the undergarments – the fine linen. If we look at the priestly robes the fine linen was the undergarment. That's our job.

Our job is also to put on a clean turban. It wasn't the Angel who said put the turban on, it was the prophet who said to put a clean turban on him.

A clean turban means cleaning up our thought patterns, our thought life which is the way that the enemy comes in. It's the way the enemy will undermine and erode our walk, our confidence, bring guilt upon us and stop us from coming into the presence of the living God.

We all have the same struggles. Some of us overcome in some areas while others are still overcoming in those areas – we're all the same. We're brothers and sisters; we pray for each other.

When I started to share about doing the righteous acts I realised that some people don't know the authority that they have. When God says we are to put the turban on, He is giving us authority to do a thing. He said that we have the authority to do this thing.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds."

Say, "The weapons of my warfare are MIGHTY in Christ to pull down strongholds."

A stronghold is something that has a strong hold. A stronghold is something that has been raised up in us, something that has raised itself up above the knowledge of Jesus Christ in us. It is something that has taken ascendancy in our life and is controlling our life. That's what a stronghold is.

It's on the inside of us. It starts as a thought, goes to a temptation, ends up in sin and its final result is death in an area of our life. The wages of sin is death – that's real.

We're in a battle whether we know it or not. The day we crossed the line and gave our hearts to Jesus we joined an army. We are in a battle. We have to clothe ourselves for this fight. We have to dress ourselves to be able to keep walking strongly with God. He's given us things. He's said that our weapons aren't carnal.

I remember the time I was going to beat that fellow and God said to use His Word. He said, "There's power in My Word." I realised that I didn't know very much about my authority.

I didn't know very much about how to take authority over a situation or over my own life.

This is one of the teachings I got when I wanted to learn how to pray. It taught me who I was in Christ. It showed me that I had all authority as a priest in the Kingdom of God; that when I spoke it would happen.

It taught me that I have authority to carry out the will of God in my life. If I'm going to see people saved I'm going to have to be able to walk into a situation and speak into that.

Fears: we come to a place where we have to have boldness to go and speak knowing that God is backing us 100%. There is nothing that can come against us that we cannot bind up and stop.

I can remember going to a service in Adelaide with a man called Michael Petro. He was doing the meeting and he moved in a particular area. I was going to have a look. I knew the pastor who was a lady. I got to the meeting which was packed out but so many of them were witches and warlocks – in a Christian meeting.

I was shocked. I talked to the pastor and said that I hoped this wasn't her congregation because it certainly needed cleaning up. She said that they

weren't. She had put a notice about this meeting in the Christian bookshop and this was who had turned up.

The place was packed out. It was like a magnet to the witches and warlocks who wanted to see what sort of power this man had. I suggested to the pastor that she should start the meeting by opening up in prayer and take authority over every spirit that was not of Jesus Christ and bind them so that there would be no trouble throughout the meeting.

She said that she didn't have confidence for that so I offered to open the meeting for her because I had confidence.

I got up and my opening words were, "Welcome. It's good to see you all here for the meeting. I see that there are a number of witches and warlocks in the place – five witches and three warlocks. I bind your spirit guide. You are not able to leave this place before you hear the gospel of Jesus Christ."

They were locked up – no one had to guess who they were – they could not move. I went and sat down the back with a prophet friend of mine who was visiting from Malaysia. He said that the place was full of it (ie. iniquity). I agreed and said that there were homosexuals up on the stage leading worship.

But this was a good place to start – when people come into the Kingdom they have to get cleaned up somewhere.

If we bind the spirit (behind the witches and warlocks) they can't do much. We need to understand who we are and the authority we have.

I said to Michael Petro, "You won't have any trouble with them."

He said, "How do I preach after a beginning like that? You've taken the wind out of my sail."

I said, "Just get up and do what you need to do and I'll help you minister after."

So after he finished preaching a wonderful message he started to minister. I walked past a man who was a major warlock in the area. As I walked past him I said, "I bind you brother. You aren't leaving here until you give your heart to Jesus Christ. You aren't moving."

Something happened to that man - he got 'stuck' and he couldn't move. He started swearing at me but he couldn't move except for his mouth.

I said, "You're staying there until you decide to give your heart to Jesus. You made a major mistake coming into this place and trying to destroy a meeting tonight. You aren't moving."

And I left him there.

Every now and then as I was going to minister to someone I walked past him and I would pour oil on his head.

He couldn't move so it was running into his eyes and he kept swearing but now he couldn't see either because the oil was in his eyes.

This guy was 'cheesed off.' He was arrested by the Spirit of God.

We have to realise the authority that we have.

We have wonderful authority and this teaching will teach us our authority so that we can go out and minister.

In the end we prayed for this warlock. We laid hands on him and prayed for him for about an hour. Even though the meeting was over no one wanted to leave because they wanted to see what would happen with this man.

The witches were congregating by the door. By now they were frightened. They were sorry that they were serving the wrong god. This man had come into the Lord's camp – he was in trouble.

We prayed for him and after he said that he wanted to give his heart to the Lord. He wanted to get set free. I said, "No problem. You've got some things hanging around your neck. Give them to me."

He said, "No," so I pulled them off.

All his power was gone. I said, "Now, God wants to heal you."

I laid hands on him and he hit the ground. When he got up he was crying his eyes out, lifted up his shirt and pulled a truss off from around his torso and threw it to the ground.

He had been unable to stand without that truss but God had healed him on the spot. He gave his heart to the Lord.

He apologised for trying to wreck the meeting. He said that he didn't realise how real Jesus was.

He's now walking with the Lord. We need to know our authority, to understand who we are.

The weapons of our warfare are mighty for pulling down the strongholds in our lives and in the lives of others.

When I was younger I wanted to know what the things were that were so powerful.

As I kept reading it said about casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself above the knowledge of God and bringing EVERY THOUGHT into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

We need to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Once we set our hearts to do that we are bringing our thoughts into the captivity of the most powerful name.

It's the way to battle the thought life. The enemy has a plan to destroy us. He wants to bring us undone. He has demons of fear.

Ephesians 6: 10-18 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. Therefore take up the whole armour of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."

The devil has wiles – plans and thoughts to rip us down and bring us out of the Kingdom. We have become an enemy of the enemy of God. We need to be praying in the Spirit. We need to be watchful not just for ourselves but also for the person next to us, our brothers and sisters.

When we pray in the spirit we don't know what we're praying but we are praying to pull things down in our lives – the mysteries of what is holding us back. God wants to reveal the plans against us as well as the plans for us.

I've had a prayer before the Lord since He had me start the church: I said, "Lord I want to know when someone comes in and they are not of You, I need to know. I need to have a knowledge of who it is who is coming in and what their plans are for the protection of Your church and me."

So He started showing me. We started doing a meeting in a place called Lucindale. I was in Europe and when I came home He said that He wanted me to go and take Ai.

I had been reading Joshua and I asked the Lord where our Ai was. He said it was Lucindale, the town I had been praying for in the South East of South Australia and that we were to go to that place and do a meeting. Within two weeks we had advertised and we had a meeting underway.

It was one of the most powerful meetings that had hit the South East: it broke something in the spirit realm in that part of South Australia.

When we went into that place I sat at the back of the hall and said, "Lord, I do not want to be surprised. Please show me as the people come."

I didn't expect the number of people who came. The Community Hall was overflowing with people. I sat at the back thinking I could check things out from there. Usually all the pastors sit at the front and miss everything – sit at the back to see what's happening.

The Lord showed me a young man who was dressed in a leather jacket and wore a tie. He came in with an older man. They sat down and the Holy Spirit spoke to me and told me that the young man was a warlock.

He didn't look like a warlock; he looked quite 'clean cut.' The Lord told me that He wanted me to deal with this man before the meeting started.

At this time the musos started the praise and worship. I was wrestling inside, thinking that I knew I had heard the Lord but he didn't look like a warlock. I was wondering what I should do, struggling with knowing how to deal with this situation.

The music had started so I thought that I would deal with him as I went; I'd share something about his life.

In the middle of worship about sixty people got healed sovereignly. They wanted to give testimonies of what God had done for them during worship. One man who had had cancer shared how all the pain had left his body. He

was thrilled; he was an elder in the Uniting Church. He said, "God's just touched me."

We had state-of-the-art sound equipment run by a top sound guy who has a stellar reputation in electronics but he started having trouble with his equipment.

It started buzzing and crackling. I looked at him and he didn't know what the problem was. The Spirit of God said to me, "You know what it is Raf."

I said, "Do I?"

He said, "You didn't deal with that bloke."

I said, "I'll do it right away." So I pointed him out and told him that he had better stop messing around. I told him that God had shown me what he was doing.

I looked at the man who had just been healed but now he had pain all over him again. I thought, "Hang on. What's happening here?"

I started to realise that this man's spirit guide was out travelling around the place, astral travelling and doing a work in this meeting.

I said to him, "You better repent of your involvement in the occult." He burst out smiling. The minute he smiled I could see that it was demonic.

I told him to repent. He said, "I can't do that."

I told him he needed to give his heart to the Lord.

He screamed, "NOooo," and immediately manifested.

I said, "Mate, you have two choices: give your heart to the Lord or there's the door. If you don't leave I'll grab you and do it physically."

He started running out but I chased after him. I cornered him at the door. The musos were trying to keep the music going.

I said, "You've come here. You've got an opportunity to give your heart to Jesus."

He said, "No. You're using fear to get me into the Kingdom." This guy knew something.

I said, "No I'm not, mate." All of a sudden he went into a trance and I felt like a cloud come over the top of me. His trance wasn't normal. He went into a trance, his tongue dropped out of his mouth and it was abnormally long.

I looked at this and said to him, "Mate, if you don't stop this right now you're going to lose that demon spirit guide. I'm going to cast it out."

He snapped out of the trance straight away. I said, "You've struck the wrong person today."

He ran off.

I went back into the meeting and went to the old man who had brought him in and asked who this fellow was.

This old man was a pastor. He said, "That's my son-in-law."

I said, "You've got some problems. I better have a talk with you at the end of the meeting."

He said, "He's not a warlock."

I said, "Have you got chaos in your house?"

He said, "Yes."

I asked, "Is your wife sick?"

He said, "Yes."

I said, "Are your children and grandchildren acting up?"

He said, "Yes."

I said, "Can't you see that God's trying to reach you and show you something? Has this guy given you presents, given you anything?"

He said, "Yes. He has. He gave me a Zulu king's chair and it's in my house."

I told him to burn it, destroy it.

He said, "Are you kidding? It's worth a fortune."

I said, "Do you want sickness or do you want the chair? You have a warlock in your house. Your daughter married a warlock."

This man got angry with me. Some people don't want to know the truth.

Anyway we went on working in that town. Then his wife turned up to a meeting and she was just venomous. She was saying that her son-in-law wasn't a warlock so I asked her if her grandchildren were sick but she wouldn't answer me.

I told her that that man had taken something on. I didn't know what it was because God hadn't shown me but I knew he had invoked a spirit and brought it into his life and it was running his life. I told her that he was serving the other side.

About a week later I was in Malaysia and I had my children with me. I took them to the zoo. As we were going past the giraffe's enclosure I saw a big tongue grabbing leaves off the tree.

God riveted me to the spot and He said, "Now you're looking at the spirit that that man took on."

I said, "What?" It doesn't make sense in the natural. When I got home I made some enquiries and it turned out that this young man had been a missionary's son in Africa.

He'd gone into animal worship, getting into their religions and somehow had touched this spirit of an animal which had come into him. It gave him great power. He was high up in Voodoo realms. This man had taken on this particular spirit.

Two years later I was in that town again at a meeting and the mother turned up. I asked if she was still having problems with her grandchildren and she said she was.

She said, "You ruined my daughter's life with that word."

I said, "No. I was protecting your daughter. Her fate is in heaven, not here. Let me ask you something – do you have three giraffe carvings in your house?"

She said, "Yes. Why?"

I said, "I want you to think back to when your grandchildren started having major problems. Was it the day those carvings came into the house?"

She said, "As a matter of fact, I think it was."

I said, "You test me. Go and burn them. Burn the giraffe carvings."

The young man had left his wife and gone back to Africa. She burnt those carvings that day and came to our meeting the next day.

She said, "I cannot tell you the change. My grandchildren have had the best night's sleep they've ever had. They've changed. Something has lifted off the house."

This is not a story where the man turned to the Lord but it's a story about a man who wanted to keep on going.

If we don't understand our authority how are we ever going to see what we are dealing with.

I had another guy turn up at our meeting. I was preparing and the Spirit of God warned me because I had prayed, "Please God, don't ever let me be surprised."

We were having a public meeting in a hall that we were renting. We would have a non-denominational meeting and we would get people coming from everywhere.

This young fellow had been sent to us. He came to me at the beginning of the meeting and he asked for me by name. He said that they had told him that I would be able to explain to him about a gift that he had.

I told him that I probably could but I didn't have time right then to speak with him but would have a coffee and talk with him straight after the meeting.

As he was walking away I asked the Lord who he was. The Lord told me that he was a warlock and he had come into witchcraft at a place called Albury-Wodonga.

The Lord told me that He wanted me to preach on His gifts. That's God's way. Everything the devil does is counterfeit to what God is doing.

He has principalities and powers but he is trying to mimic the hierarchy in God's Kingdom, the levels in the Spirit. The Lord said preach about how the devil gets into the church and how His (God's) gifts work.

I said, "How does that happen?"

He said, "The devil gets in through the music ministry and through getting close to the leaders. Teach it."

So I shared that the first thing they like to do is get into the music ministry. They like healing gifts because they can lay hands on people and pass spirits on.

That's why I don't like laying hands on very many people. We find that most of the time when we pray for healing we just point and let the Holy Spirit do it.

Laying on hands is a Pentecostal habit. Sometimes it is necessary but we have to know when it is and when it's not.

What happened was that I started preaching about this young fellow's life. God was starting to show me. God said that he was going to the Lutheran Church down the road. He had got himself into the music and he was wreaking havoc in that church.

There was dissension and disunity, so many things that were happening because of this spirit of witchcraft that had come in through him.

Because he was such a good musician and had a good personality the pastor had put him up the front. As I was preaching about his life he was turning redder and redder.

At the end of the meeting I asked him how I could help him. He said that I had answered all his questions but I said that I hadn't even started yet.

I told him that the Lord had shown me that I was preaching about him. I told that he should resign from the Lutheran Church music team because I was going to go home and phone up his pastor and tell him who this young man was so it would be better if he resigned.

I did phone up the pastor and told him that he had a warlock in his music team who had come out of a coven. He said that they knew that.

They knew that he had come out of a coven but they had never dealt with it. They didn't know their authority. They had never actually dealt with this man.

The weapons of our warfare are mighty in Christ to pull down strongholds. We must know what they are and how to use them.

We must know who we are and what authority we have to use them. When we use them we're going to see an outpouring of God.

I've seen pastors who have been dying out in the middle of Australia because they haven't got teaching like this.

They've been sent out into the field ill-equipped, not knowing that they have authority.

Every situation, every circumstance that comes along blows them one way and then blows them another way. We need to know who we are when we get out into the field and get people in.

We need to know who it is who lives in us. We have the most powerful personality on earth living in us. His name is the Holy Spirit. He's all-mighty, all-powerful; there is nothing that He can't do.

One of His thoughts is capable of cleaning us up for the rest of our lives. All of the enemy's power can do nothing compared to one thought of our God.

One of His thoughts. His Word to us is His thoughts encapsulated in words. His Bible is His thoughts encapsulated in words.

One word that He speaks directly to us lifts our faith to such a level. That's why the Word says that faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God.

Faith. Faith is a 'gettable' substance. Without it we can't please God.

Every time we act on His behalf, knowing who we are, we're going to see a reaction in the spirit.

It's like a physics equation: if we push something it has to move; action and reaction. Those sort of things are in the physical realm as laws.

We have spiritual laws that are exactly the same – when we do something there's going to be a reaction in the spirit. But if we do nothing there is no action. We just get tied up in greater knots and allow the enemy to do what he wants because we don't punch back.

We have a mentality of 'meek and mild' Jesus.

He is not meek and mild. He's strong. He's mighty. He's powerful. The power of His might.

Just one of His thoughts is enough to change the whole world. Just one of His thoughts – but He thinks everything through. God wants us to understand that we have been given these things.

I didn't know how to pray to get authority. All I knew was that He had given it to me and He was teaching me.

I got a teaching that went something like this: we have weapons that we can use against the enemy. Every time a thought comes against us it's because the enemy is watching us. We're in a battleground. He knows who we are.

When we gave our heart to Jesus Christ we became marked people. From that day we crossed a line and came into another army which is at war with the army of darkness.

So whether we like it or not we're in the army. There are standing orders in an army and there are daily orders.

The standing orders are that we don't go anywhere without our weapon. I did National Service in Australia and the day I had to do my marksman test to get out of Rookie training I had my rifle but left my bolt back in the barracks.

When I went to fire, 'click' – nothing happened. Alongside me I had a sergeant jumping on his own hat yelling at me. I had done the most grievous thing anyone can do in an army.

If you're in an army you cannot go anywhere without your weapon. Standing orders are things that we have to do on a daily basis e.g. the camp has to be guarded daily – someone has to stay on guard at the front and back entrances.

We don't have to go to the book of rules and ask, "Do we have to do this today?" We have the book of rules and we know the standing orders in the Kingdom.

Standing orders – spend time with Him on a daily basis. Get to know Him. Come to Him. Listen to Him. Obey Him.

Then there are daily orders – things we need to do on a daily basis. When we're in an army He equips us. In the army one of the first things you do is go to the store where they give you weapons to fight with. The day you get that weapon you know you have authority in the army.

We've all heard about the policeman who stands on the road, puts up his hand and all traffic stops. He has authority. If someone says "No" then he has something to enforce it – he pulls out his gun. Now we know he has authority because he's holding it in his hand.

We have a weapon. The enemy is frightened of us. If we're going to go out and do the work for the Lord we need to be able to flow in these things.

We will need to be alert and hearing so that we'll know what to do. Souls come into the Kingdom if they can see that we know what we're doing.

Even if we don't, pretend that we do until He gives it to us. We have Him, we have the authority but we haven't learned how to use it.

We need to know how authority works, how to put it into practice – that's the only way we will see it working.

I remember being in India. It was just after I had fallen off a roof. I'd cut the plaster off my leg and I was travelling around India with a swollen foot.

I had no pain, just a swollen foot but I wasn't running. It was still knitting together and healing. I ended up in a situation where there was a group of people wanting to stone us on a soccer field.

They were up high on a road looking down on us. We had attracted a big mob. I was standing with half a dozen YWAMmers from the Goa YWAM base.

I felt responsible because they were all young people. We had our team from Adelaide. I was thinking, "Father God, I brought them into this. What do I do?"

These kids (YWAMmers) were the bravest kids I'd seen in my life. They just started worshipping God in the middle of the field. They didn't know what else to do so they worshipped.

God said, "Haven't I given you the authority?"

I said, "Yes, You have. There's only about eighty of them Lord. Are they fair odds – me against them?"

They weren't fair odds – there wasn't enough of them – because we were taking the Holy Ghost with us. It could have been two thousand – it wouldn't have mattered.

I said, "What do I do?"

He said, "Go and confront them."

I said, "You better give me some stuff for them then." I stood about fifteen feet away from them. They were up on a cliff with stones in their hands and all these thoughts were running through my mind.

This is when all the thoughts will hit us. This is when the enemy bombards us with his thoughts and tries to bring fear into us. My mouth went dry. I was thinking, "Lord, I've got nothing. You'd better give me something."

God always stretches us out to the last minute. I said, "Lord, I can't run. And I'm not about to."

I was thinking, "Do I believe everything I've been preaching for the last fifteen years?" I found out I did. One day everybody will go through this test of do we really believe what we've been saying.

I said, "Give me something Father."

He said, "Tell the man leading them that he's a drunkard. His family has been wrecked and he has no regard for the people in his village whereas you do."

So I said to the man, "You're a drunkard and you're leading this mob. How much do you care for the people here when Christ wants to come in and fix your village up? Because of your drunkenness everybody knows you. Because you're a drunkard you've wrecked your family. And the very chance that you have to be set free you're trying to wreck."

There was a murmur in the crowd and the man dropped his stone.

I said to the next man, "You're an extortioner. You're only here thinking that you might get money out of us to let the meeting go forward."

God revealed his heart. Everybody knew him. He was a criminal in town. It stopped in a hurry; words of knowledge – we need them. When He's with us, He won't let us down. He will not let us down.

We must understand the authority that we have. It starts in the little things. If we can't overcome the little things in our life we'll never get authority for the big things.

If we have fear in our life, we need to overcome it. The day we do, we'll end up setting people free from fear.

If lust is a major problem in our life, we need to overcome it because until we do we won't be able to set someone free from this.

If there is unforgiveness in our heart, overcome it before it becomes a spirit and takes root.

It's up to us to clean ourselves up. We're in the army. It's up to us to put the turban on and start thinking like God thinks.

The weapons of our warfare are mighty for the pulling down of strongholds and we will hold every thought captive to Jesus Christ. Get this into our spirits and our authority will grow.

Nothing will be able to stop us in our walk with the Lord.

We've taught kids who have just come into the Kingdom this teaching and they can't be stopped. They're like Rambo's in the spirit. Once they know who they are. One group of kids who came through are making their mark all over the country.

The second group are astounding me – they're going past the first group of kids. They're grown and are all serving the Lord.

The second group, thirteen years old, will get up in the middle of a meeting, start prophesying and telling you what's wrong with you.

One thirteen year old girl didn't seem to be taking notice in the meeting and then the Holy Spirit told me to get this girl up and ask her what the Lord had told her today.

She said, "The Lord told me that that person over there has a kidney problem and the Lord wants to heal her. And that one over there has this problem"

This girl is sharp and knows her authority as do all of them who have had this teaching. In their prayer life they know how to load their prayer.

If we don't know our authority our prayers don't have much strength. If we don't know our authority our prayer life will be poor and we won't know how to deal with things in our own life.

We have to put the turban on. The enemy knows us better than we know ourselves. He's been watching us from the day we were born. We were once his but then one day we crossed the line and gave our heart to Jesus Christ. That day we declared war.

All the information he has about us from our old past is still relevant. He will try to revitalise that in us in our walk. He'll try to bring up the old roots and

motivate us to stay in sin because he knows that the wages of that sin will separate us through guilt from being able to have communion with the Lord.

If we don't know how to come to that place and confess it to Him and deal with it then we'll walk with a guilt complex and won't be able to come into the presence of God.

That's what happens to so many Christians. That's the enemy's plan to destroy Christians.

I see so many who fall by the wayside not knowing who they are. They come into the Kingdom and don't know who they are. They've never bothered cleaning up their lives. They were given everything freely by the Lord but weren't willing to pay the price to clean up.

It's important that we learn these things because when we bring people in we're going to have to clean them up. We'll have to show them the way and impart at least some basics into them so they can walk as young babies and then grow up.

It's good to apply it to our own lives first. No matter how old we are, we're all open to 'copping it' from the past. The old things that the enemy can throw in our minds can come at us at any time.

I was dealing with a man who had the whole top of his head almost cut off, eaten away by cancer. It was a rotten mess. When he tipped his head over it was like a cup of blood.

He was a pastor and he said, "Raf, I know the cause. I could never ever control my thought life. I had all these immoral thoughts bombarding me. I could never control them. I'm married but over the last five or six years I've become impotent with this thing. You know, that doesn't stop the thoughts though."

A stronghold had got hold of him. He'd never learned how to capture the thoughts. He gave the enemy one toehold and now the enemy was starting to rob his life.

If we ever get into that situation, always find out how we got into it and reverse the steps to get out of it. Remember that: reverse the steps to get out of it. Whatever thought comes in, start reversing the steps.

One thought from the Lord is worth millions from the enemy. One word from God is all powerful. But the enemy works in a counterfeit measure and he

tries to shoot the thoughts into our mind. They aren't ours until we take hold of them and dwell on them.

Everybody experiences this. Everybody is subject to getting these thoughts. This is where the battleground is. It's in the soul realm - the intellect, the will and the emotions.

God knows this and He's given us weapons to combat it. The enemy keeps throwing fiery darts – thoughts that come at us – but as they come at us we have to raise up the standard of faith. We have the helmet of salvation so we bring every thought captive to Jesus.

We've been given aggressive armour. We've also been given defensive armour. God doesn't give us something and not equip us. He doesn't have an army that is not equipped. He just has an army that doesn't know how to use the equipment. He has an army that He has equipped with offensive and defensive weapons.

The offensive weapons are the Word, the name and the blood. The weapons of our warfare are the Word, the name and the blood.

We need to fill ourselves up with the Word of God because when we need to use a stone in our sling it's there. It will floor a man who wants to beat us up. The Word is a powerful weapon in our hand if we know our authority.

But if we haven't dealt with the stuff in our lives and we try to use the Word the enemy will laugh at us. He'll say that we're trying to use the Word against him when we have a legality in our life.

That's why we need to keep a clean, short account with God on a daily basis. On a daily basis come to Him and say, "Cleanse me Lord."

Hold those thoughts captive. Don't let them take hold. If those thoughts come, use the name of Jesus. One mention of that name will cut them off.

Remember I told you about the stones in our hearts. Some of them we run towards. The lust of all things – it's not very often that we run away from that. We're all the same but we must learn to overcome them by the Spirit of God.

We need to put those things to death, put the flesh to death so the spirit can rise. The battle is at the time when our flesh is still trying to overpower our spirit but our spirit man is starting to grow: something is happening because we are praying in the Spirit and now we are starting to nourish our spirit man.

The battle is worse when the flesh and the spirit man are level. Then we have a fight on our hands but Jesus is coming back for overcomers so we must keep pressing through.

The time that we are praying in the Spirit and finding it so difficult is the time we are generating more power to rise above the situation than we ever have before. When we do, our old flesh man is being put to death. It's being put in the place that God declared it to be – dead to sin. Our spirit man is now above it and suddenly all good things start to pour in. Finances are looking good. Health is starting to pick up. There are job prospects. Everything we need. God has poured us into blessing ground.

When a child of God is equipped knowing his authority and knowing he has armour he is a dangerous man (or woman) as he goes out. Dangerous to the kingdom of darkness. The weapons of our warfare are mighty.

The enemy watches us. He knows how we think and he knows our weaknesses – he's been watching us since we were little children. He'll throw fiery darts at us.

Then we have the option – we can dwell on that for a few minutes thinking it won't do any harm – but immediately the enemy has a toehold. It's at that time that we have all strength to pull the thing down.

The wages of sin is death. Death is real. If we've been walking in the Spirit and ever fallen into sin we'll know that death is real because it kills something in our heart.

Every man of God who has walked with the Lord has found a time when if they gave into any sort of sin their spirit life was cut off. The enemy can then set up strongholds of guilt that will stop us from coming out of the sin.

But there is a key. The engrafted Word which has the ability to save us. It will cleanse our soul.

James 1:21 "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

One of His thoughts – meditate on it until it becomes a manifestation in us. Meditate on His Word until it becomes real. It's important to meditate on the Word. The Word is one of our weapons. There is power in the Word and the name and the blood.

We need to understand the power in the Blood of Christ. The most powerful weapon that we have at our disposal is the application of the Blood of Jesus to our lives.

It cleanses us immediately. It's an atoning cover but the Blood did more than atone – it took sin away. There was an exchange because of the blood.

Christ took our sin and gave us righteousness in return. All we have to do is confess it to Him and He says He's faithful to forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

That's the God we serve. He's the commander of the army. He doesn't shoot His troops; He actually builds them up. He's forgiving.

We can't do anything so wrong that He won't come and forgive us if we are faithful to confess it to Him. Walk in the light as He is in the light and have fellowship one with another.

That means fellowship with Him and us. Don't let anybody cut that fellowship off – that's our lifeline. That's the key to us living.

There are things that we all need to deal with. As we deal with them God wants to put them to death. As we deal with them we get free. We get ready for the onslaught on the enemy camp. We get ready to go out and assault the enemy with the weapons of God. If we can understand who we are nothing will stop us.

How do we apply these weapons that God has given us against the enemy? The Word of God doesn't do us any good unless we can apply it. We need to know how to apply it so it works.

If you're a soldier you need to know how to use your weapons because you're not shooting at targets any more, you're shooting at a live enemy who wants to kill you, so you need to know how to fight.

It has to be practical. The Lord started showing me this. When you get a rifle if it doesn't have a bullet in it, it is useless; it doesn't work.

A rifle is something that will send a projectile from one point to another at a very high velocity. But a rifle is no good without the bullet.

The bullet tip is no good unless there is powder in the cartridge. These things all depend on each other.

The Lord started to show me that the rifle is like our praise and worship – it's the vehicle that delivers the goods. But there's no power in our praise and worship unless we load it with the Word, the name and the blood of Jesus.

We now start to pull the strongholds down in our lives. If we want to deliver that bullet with the power to explode in enemy ground we need to pull the trigger.

We can liken the rifle to praise and to worship, to preaching and testimony. These four things are used to deliver the weapons into the enemy camp.

Praise in itself doesn't do anything. We can be praising God but not using His name, His Word or His blood and it doesn't do anything – we may as well use the rifle as a club.

We can be worshipping God and testifying about the things of God but if we don't bring Jesus and the Father's name and the blood and the Word into it, it has no power. It's like a gun with a blank instead of a bullet.

The difference between us and other religions as they pray is that our prayer is filled with the Word, the name and the blood.

One of those (Word, name, blood) is enough to explode in enemy territory and do major damage.

If fear is coming against us we need to find scriptures e.g. The Lord didn't give me a spirit of fear but of love, power and a sound mind: we've just loaded our rifle with a weapon that is so effective and precise that it will explode against that fear and fear will run away.

Fear is actually a spirit, a personality that comes against us to 'have a go,' but when we use the Word of God against it, it runs. If we load that prayer with the name and blood as well we have an atomic warhead.

This is Jesus I'm talking about. One of His thoughts is enough but we're loading it with a full arsenal against a lousy, little spirit of fear, or a spirit of lust.

Final-Word

If the testimonies in this booklet have impacted you, it's never too late to begin your own journey down the Narrow Road with Jesus.

Please feel free to read this simple prayer aloud:

Lord Jesus,

I believe that You died on the Cross for all my sin. I believe that You rose from the dead.

*Please forgive me for all my sins. Make me clean.
Please come into my heart, save me, heal me and set me free.*

*Write my name in Your Book of Life.
Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Be my personal Lord and Saviour.*

Amen.

If you prayed this prayer, welcome to the family of God and a new life walking every day with Jesus.