

# LOF 3 - LET MY PEOPLE GO SO THEY MAY WORSHIP ME PART 2

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LAST WEEK WE'VE LEARNT THAT....**OUR PRAISE IS A WEAPON.**

1. YOU CAN PRAISE YOUR WAY OUT OF FEAR AND OPPRESSION.
2. YOUR PRAISE CAN GIVE YOU VICTORY OVER YOUR BATTLE.
3. YOU CAN PRAISE YOUR WAY INTO PROSPERITY.

BUT THIS WEEK!

WE WILL BE GOING DEEPER!!!  
....ON THE POWER OF PRAISE.

ARE YOU READY????!?!?!?

### 1. YOUR PRAISE RELEASES INCREDIBLE JOY FROM HEAVEN

- **AND THE JOY FROM GOD IS NOT THE SAME LIKE THE JOY FROM THE WORLD.**
  - HIS JOY SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING!
  - AND THE BIBLE ALSO SAYS THAT THE JOY OF THE LORD IS....YOUR....STRENGTH.
  - HIS JOY GIVES YOU STRENGTH TO FIGHT.
  - HIS JOY GIVES YOU STRENGTH TO GET UP AGAIN.
  - HIS JOY IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR STRENGTH!
  - SOMEBODY SHOUT JOOY OF THE LORD!!!
- **THERE ARE TIMES IN YOUR LIFE THAT...YOU WILL FEEL DISCOURAGED.**
  - THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU FEEL DISCOURAGED AND YOUR HEART IS SO SAD
  - EVEN KING DAVID SAID....
  - **Psalm 42:5-6 (NLT) Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God!**
  - BUT LOOK AT THAT KING DAVID DID.
    - THE BIBLE SAYS 'WHEN HE IS DISCOURAGED....'
    - **HE....DECIDED.... TO PRAISE GOD OVER HIS SAD SITUATION.**
    - **HE....DECIDED.... IN HIS HEART THAT**
      - ◆ **IM NOT GOING TO GO TO SELF PITY.**
      - ◆ **IM NOT GOING TO BE DEFEATED OVER MY FEELINGS.**
      - ◆ **BUT I DECIDEEEE THAT I'M MO PUT ON THE GARMENT OF PRAISE!**
      - ◆ **AND WHEN HE DID THAT HE RELEASESSSS THE JOY FROM HEAVEN!!!**
    - YOU SEE...
    - **PRAISE IS NOT A FEELING, PRAISE IS A DECISION**
  - LOF 3 STUDENTS!!
    - THERE ARE TIMES IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY YOU'RE DISCOURAGED.
    - BUT WE CAN EITHER DECIDE TO BE DEFEATED AND DISCOURAGED OR YOU CAN DECIDE TO PUT ON THE GARMENT OF PRAISE
    - **YES IT IS HARDER!**
    - **IT IS EASIER TO CRUMBLE AND WENT TO SELF PITY.**
    - **IT IS EASIER TO CRUMBLE AND WENT TO SELF PITY.**
    - **ITS HARDER TO TRUST.**
    - **ITS HARDER TO PUT ON THE GARMENT OF PRAISE!**
    - **BUT!!!**
    - YOU SEE....WHEN JEHOSAPHAT WAS UNDER PRESSURE.
    - 3 KINGDOM WANTS TO DEMOLISH HIM AND THEY ARE ALREADY HALF WAY!
    - **2 Chronicles 20:15 (NLT) This is what the LORD says: do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's.**
    - GOD SAYS "DON'T BE AFRAID! DON'T BE DISCOURAGED BY THIS MIGHTY ARMY (CORONA VIRUS, NEW BOSS THAT HATED YOU, SITUATION SURROUNDING YOU THAT WANTS TO KILL YOU) WHY?"
    - **BECAUSE THIS BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, ITS GODS.**
    - YOU SEE.....WHEN YOU DECIDE TO PRAISE GOD OVER YOUR SITUATION, YOU'RE INVITING GOD INTO YOUR BATTLE OF LIFE.
      - ◆ THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO FIGHT BY YOURSELVES.
      - ◆ WHEN YOUR PRAISE GOES UP, HIS PRESENCE GOES DOWN.
    - **Psalm 16:11 (NASB) In Your presence is fullness of joy.**
      - EVERYBODY SHOUT "JOY!"
    - **Nehemiah 8:10 "The Joy of the Lord is my strength"**
      - MAYBE SOME OF YOU CAME HERE TONIGHT AND JOY HAS BEEN STRIPPED OUT OF YOUR LIFE.
      - THATS WHY YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO FINISH THIS BATTLE.
      - BECAUSE JOY OF THE LORD IS LIKE FUEL.
      - MAYBE ITS TIME FOR YOU TO PUT THAT GARMENT OF PRAISE AND INVITE GOD IN YOUR BATTLE STARTING TODAY.
      - WHAT BATTLE ARE YOU FACING IN YOUR LIFE TODAY?
      - WHAT BATTLE HAVE STRIPPED YOUR JOY AWAY LATELY?
      - WE WANT TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER TONIGHT.

### 2. WE'VE GOT TO PUT ON THAT WEAPON OF PRAISE!

- **GOD GAVE US 3 WEAPONS OF WARFARE:**
  1. **THE WEAPON OF INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**
    - **James 5:16**  
**Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working**
  2. **THE WEAPON OF GOD'S WORD**
    - **"Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."**  
**Ephesians 6:13-17 NLT**
    - THE WORD OF GOD IS THE ONLY OFFENSIVE WEAPON YOU HAVE!
  3. **THE WEAPON OF PRAISE**
    - **2 Chronicles 20:17, 22 (NLT) Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, for the LORD is with you!" 22 At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves.**
    - **Psalm 22:3-5 (NKJV) But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of your people**
    - He is enthroned in our praise – let God arise and His enemies be scattered.  
**"You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, yielding your enemies and all who oppose you."**  
**Psalms 8:2 NLT**
    - Praise silences the enemy
- **BUT WE GOT TO PUT IT ON!**
  - SOME OF US ARE FASTER IN PUTTING ON HOAX AND FEAR RATHER THAN PUTTING ON THESE 3 WEAPONS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU.
  - I SAW THIS FUNNY POST ABOUT CORONA VIRUS
  - "PEOPLE....YOU TELL THEM CORONA VIRUS IS COMING, THEY PREPARE"
  - YOU TELL THEM JESUS IS COMING, AND THEY DO NOTHING"



- **"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."**
- TOILET PAPER CAN'T SAVE YOU, THE WORD OF GOD AND YOUR PRAISE CAN SAVE YOU!
- YOU'VE GOT TO PUT ON THAT WEAPON OF PRAISE.
- EVERYDAY, TURN ON WORSHIP SONGS, PRAISE SONGS.
- IN THE CAR, ON THE TRAIN, ON THE BUS, PUT PRAISE BETWEEN YOUR EARS.
- PRAISE HIM.
- FILL YOUR HOUSE WITH PRAISE.
- REMEMBER PRAISE AND WORSHIP IS NOT JUST A NICE SONG.
- IT IS A WEAPON MAN.
- SO IF YOU'RE PRAYING FOR YOUR DAUGHTER.
- IF YOU'RE PRAYING FOR YOUR HUSBAND.
- IF YOU'RE PRAYING FOR YOUR BUSINESS.
- WHEN YOU PUT ON YOUR PRAISE, GOD WILL CAUSE YOUR ENEMIES TO FIGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES.

### 3. YOUR PROSPERITY IS IN YOUR PRAISE

- **2 Chronicles 20:20, 25-26 (NLT) Believe in the Lord you will be established. Believe in his prophets, and you will prosper. 25 King Jehoshaphat and his men went out to gather the plunder. They found vast amounts of equipment, clothing, and other valuables—more than they could carry. There was so much plunder that it took them three days just to collect it all! 26 On the fourth day they gathered in the Valley of Blessing, which got its name that day because the people praised and thanked the Lord there. It is still called the Valley of Blessing today.**
- YES PRAISE GIVES YOU SPIRITUAL VICTORIES.
- BUT **ITS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME** BEFORE YOUR VICTORIES WILL SHOW UP IN THE NATURAL.
- **MY STORY - RONNY KOSARI**
  - I REMEMBER MY FIRST YEAR IN CROWN GROUP.
  - FOR THE ENTIRE 12 MONTHS, I ONLY SOLD 5 APARTMENTS.
    - ONE TO MY OWN FRIEND.
    - ONE IS BECAUSE THE CEO FEELS SORRY FOR ME AND TELL HIS OWN MOM TO BRING HIS FRIENDS TO ME.
    - I SAID TO MYSELF, I'M GOING TO TRY ONE MORE YEAR.
    - AFTER THIS I'M GOING BACK SELLING MILK.
    - I WAS SO EMBARRASSED.
    - **BUT THAT YEAR I NEVER STOPPED PRAISING GOD.**
    - BUT ONE DAY ONE GUY WALKED IN TO THE SHOW ROOM.
    - YOUNG, 28 YEARS OLD, SHORTS AND SANDALS.
    - TO CUT THE STORY SHORT, HE BOUGHT 1 PENTHOUSE OF ME.
    - AND WITHIN THE NEXT 6 MONTHS THE SAME GUY BROUGHT \$25M DEAL TO ME.
    - MAKING ME FROM THE LAST TO THE HIGHEST SELLING AGENT IN THE COMPANY 5 YEARS IN A ROW.
    - AND AFTER 8 YEARS WITH CROWN GROUP
    - I CAN FINALLY SAY GOOD BYE TO FULL TIME JOB AND PURSUING MY LIFE CALLING SERVING GOD IN HIS KINGDOM FOR THE NEXT 30-40 YEARS.
    - PEOPLE CAME TO ME AND SAID 'IT WILL TAKE ME 10 YEARS TO GET WHAT YOU GET IN 1 YEAR.
    - YOU KNOW PEOPLE WANTS VICTORY NATURALLY, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW **THEY NEED TO WIN SPIRITUALLY FIRST.**
    - AND ITS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE IT SHOWS UP IN THE NATURAL.
    - OH PASTOR I WANT TO VICTORY LIKE YOURS.
    - I WANT VICTORY LIKE JEHOSAPHAT.
    - WHAT THEY DIDN'T REALISE IS MY VICTORY DIDN'T HAPPEN HERE.
    - MY VICTORY HAPPENS HERE.
    - WHEN I DECIDE TO PRAISE HIM OVER MY DIFFICULT SITUATION.
      - ◆ **YOUR PROSPERITY IS IN YOUR PRAISE.**
    - OUR VICTORY HAPPENS WHEN WE DECIDE TO PUT ON MY GARMENT OF PRAISE OVER OUR DIFFICULT CHALLENGES
    - EVEN WHEN WE DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.
    - EVEN WHEN WE COULDN'T SEE THE VICTORY.
    - YOUR VICTORY HAPPENS WHEN I DECIDE TO PUT ON MY GARMENT OF PRAISE.
    - CMON....EVEN WHEN YOU'RE SICK, PUT ON YOUR GARMENT OF PRAISE OVER YOUR SICKNESS.
    - PUT ON YOUR GARMENT OF PRAISE EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
    - PUT ON YOUR GARMENT OF PRAISE EVEN WHEN YOU'VE JUST LOST YOUR JOB.
    - **WHEN YOU DECIDE TO PRAISE, YOU DECIDE TO PROSPER**
    - **YOUR PROSPERITY IS IN YOUR PRAISE**
  - **Isaiah 61:7 (NLT) "Instead of shame and dishonor, you will enjoy a double share of honor. You will possess a double portion of prosperity in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours."**
    - **THIS YEAR IS NOT CANCELLED.**
    - **THIS YEAR GOD IS STILL GOING TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE**
    - **HIS PROMISE OF DOUBLE PORTION OF PROSPERITY IN YOUR LAND.**
    - **IN JESUS NAME**