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A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES & BLESS THEM WHO HATE YOU

Dear Chosen One: When the enemy surrounds you—**PRAISE YOUR WAY OUT!** The Bible says, “**So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.**” (Isaiah 59:19) Praise the Lord!

This is a **Personal Testimony**; I pray that it will encourage you. This situation took place on September 13, 2017, while I was in prison. Prior to this day, the devil had been using some of the women in prison to distract me, some of them I knew and some I had considered my friends. To my surprise these people started to accuse me of things I had no knowledge of. I was hurting, but I had to be still and continue to rely on God.

The pressure got so intense that I started to feel spiritually drained, thinking about all kinds of ungodly ways to get revenge and get even. However, I also knew by satisfying the flesh trying to get even, the devil would get the victory and I would lose my testimony as being a Christian.

It was days before I came to my senses, and I recognized that it was not the people but evil forces behind what they were doing. The Bible says, “**For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against power, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**” (Ephesians 6:12.) I felt discouraged and didn't want to pray, I just wanted to waddle in my sorrows and have a pity party.

But I reach down on the inside, and I started to sing a praise song and gradually I started to

worship God. I declared three days fasting from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. I asked the Holy Spirit to strengthen my body and help me to not cave into my fleshly desires.

People of God, it doesn't matter what is happening right now in your life, you have to take control and allow the Holy Spirit to get back on the throne of your heart. I had to push through all the forces of darkness that were trying to prevent me from getting into God's presence.

Trust me! The devil will use anyone or everything to prevent you from getting into God's presence, because the devil knows that in God's presence there is fullness of Joy. (Psalm 16:11) You cannot be in God's presence and worry about your problem or what people are saying or doing.

When you are in the Throne Room all worldly activities have to stop and no demon can accompany you into the Holies of Holy. Yes! I had to press my way in spite of how I was feeling, then suddenly I felt the breakthrough, I was high in the Spirit worshipping and praising God.

On the first day of the fast, I did not come out of the cell to interact with anyone, however when I did, I felt as if I was walking on air—nothing or no one was important anymore. I just wanted to get back into God's present. On the second day, while I was praising God and dancing all over that cell those demons were confused. Let me tell you, my accusers were expecting a totally different reaction from me, but to God be the glory. As the praises were going up the blessings were coming down and I felt the Peace of God. After the third day, I was bubbling over with joy, I had a great

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attitude, a song on my lips, love in my heart and my accusers were looking like “**grasshoppers**” in my sight.

Right there and then, I knew that God had given me the victory over those people the devil was using. There were times when I wanted to stop praising God and pray against what they were doing, because I wanted a quick deliverance from this situation. The Holy Spirit gave me insight and showed me how these individuals were confused, bitter, angry, miserable, hurting, and discontented. You know the phrase “**hurt people hurt others**”.

Some of these individuals had blamed God for their misfortune (being in prison), so I started to pray and ask God to open their blinded eyes and to soften their callus hearts. I even prayed for their Salvation and wanted God to use them for His glory. This prayer became easy because by this time my own heart was saturated with God’s love. Therefore, I only wanted what was good for those same individuals who had falsely accused and harassed me.

Jesus instructs us to “**Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray from them which spitefully use you and persecute you.**” (Matthew 5: 44.) Let me tell you, no one can do this in their natural mind and strength. A person must have the mind of Christ and the Love of God in their heart.

There are wicked and evil people in this world and sometimes you and I may happen to find ourselves in the same environment with them. No one wants to be in this kind of shared space but when God is for you and on your side no devil or demon will get the upper hand over you.

An enemy is someone who is being used by the devil to intentionally hurt, harm, and harass you every moment he or she gets. Yet Jesus is telling us to look beyond a person’s evil intentions and to love and pray for that individual.

I continue to worship God in the middle of the night. This is a situation where I could say what

was meant to harm me, God used, to get me into His presence.

Although this incident happened five years ago, I truly believe that this Testimony can help you or someone else. Today, I want to encourage you. Don’t look at what is happening around you. Don’t look at what others are doing, keep your eyes on God the Author and Finisher of your faith. It is time to start praising your way out; you have been sitting there in the same place wondering and allowing the devil to use your mind. It is time to say enough is enough devil! Get up! Start walking around your house, office, prison-cell, or workplace, etc.

Pray and worship! Don’t focus on the situation, focus on God, He is bigger than your circumstances. Do you realize how much God loves you? First, He allowed me to go through this situation in order to give you this testimony.

Now, I am able to encourage you, you are an overcomer, and the devil is still a defeated foe. It doesn’t matter who or what the devil uses, if you don’t give these things or individuals a foothold in your life, they cannot come in to torment you.

Stand up and take your rightful place with God. Let the praise and worship come out of your mouth and watch how your situation will change and you will regain control. Whenever, you become passive, or you let your spiritual guard down the devil will try to overpower you. However, oftentimes, you will have to let the enemy know that you may be sleeping but you are not dead and there is **POWER** in the **NAME** of Jesus.

Whenever you start to feel overwhelmed about any situation, get into the mood of worship and praise and allow the Holy Spirit to do His will in you. I pray that this **testimony** will help you to get back into that place where you belong, God’s presence. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above the heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Yes! The victory is attached at the end of your praise. So, **START PRAISING YOUR WAY OUT!**

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