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Dear Saints,

As one of the Lord's watchmen, it is my responsibility to sound the trumpet and warn the body of Christ of demonic and satanic strategies and attacks. The Lord spoke to me very clearly about the enemy's next maneuver and the purpose behind it. We are to be prepared and aware of the devils devices so that we are not overcome in the midst of warfare.

The move of the enemy at this time is to strip us of our power and authority in Christ through moral failure and compromise. Many in the body of Christ are gaining in rank and authority as they walk in submission and holiness before the Lord. When Christ truly reigns in us we are in position to devastate the kingdom of darkness.

The Lord spoke to me saying that the enemy is launching an intensive attack of sexual temptation and enticement. Sexual compromise is unfortunately one of Satan's most effective weapons against the church. Many men and women of God have been overtaken in this area, exposing the church to shame and ridicule.

The Lord is warning us to be mindful of what we watch on TV or the internet, what we listen to on the radio, the company we keep, the manner of conversations we are having and the places we go. This is a call to guard all the gates or openings to our bodies (eyes, ears, mouth, nose, etc.). The enemy is looking for an opportunity to penetrate us through our gates and leave a seed that will wreak havoc in our lives.

The enemy's aim is to overthrow us with sin, preventing us from decimating his kingdom and receiving God's promises. He is after your authority, don't give it to him! He is after your credibility, don't hand it over to him.

The Lord also warned of "old flames" or persons you were once involved with trying to come back into your life. Be warned, they are the devils agents sent to ensnare you in sin.

Cover yourselves and your families with the blood of Jesus before you go to sleep as the enemy is also stepping up his activity in the area of dreams.

### **Don't sell your birthright for anything! Genesis 25:29-34**

**<sup>29</sup> Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he *was* weary. <sup>30</sup> And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red *stew*, for I *am* weary." Therefore his name was called Edom. <sup>31</sup>But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day." <sup>32</sup>And Esau said, "Look, I *am* about to die; so what *is* this birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup>Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised *his* birthright.**

Esau sold that which was eternal in value for what was temporal and perishing. In a state of weariness, he became shortsighted and threw everything away to accommodate his present desire.

Our salvation in Christ and our moral integrity is of eternal value. May we not be found guilty of selling what is precious for that which temporarily gratifies the flesh. It is when we are battle weary and worn out that the enemy comes along to offer us temporary relief in exchange for something of eternal value. See Luke 4:1-13 for the Lord's example of how to handle temptation in the midst of weariness.

### **Be strengthened in the Lord/ Esau's lost hope Hebrews 12:12-17**

**<sup>12</sup> Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be *dislocated*, but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: <sup>15</sup> looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; <sup>16</sup> lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. <sup>17</sup> For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.**

As I read the above text the Lord spoke to my heart saying that any area of our lives that are weak and feeble need to be brought to Him for healing before the warfare intensifies. The enemy is an opportunist among other things and will exploit our weaknesses causing us to become **dislocated**, or moved out of our place and authority in Christ.

Also noted in the text above is the importance of living a holy life. If we desire to see the manifested presence of God in our lives we must be holy. We are also admonished to take careful introspection of our lives to ensure that we are within the boundary of God's grace. There is no protection or covering for the person who dares to trample on the grace of God.

The last portion of the text speaks of Esau's flagrant disregard for that which is precious in the sight of God. Esau gave away his birthright not realizing that the blessing was attached to it. He could not have one without the other. When he understood this to be the case, he repented with tears but was rejected.

The Lord is pleading with us to honor our birthright, (our salvation in Jesus Christ) that we may receive all the blessings that come with serving Him. Don't give away your salvation, honor, integrity and good name for that which is not only fleeting but also leads to the pit of hell.

May we use all of the artillery available to us from the armory of heaven to over through and annihilate the enemy! I pray that none of us will be overcome by the devices of the enemy but will all prove to be more than conquerors in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Sincerely,

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