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FOREWORD

Like it or not, you are involved in a war. This war is more than you can imagine. It is a spiritual war between the Lord and Satan and his forces of evil for the souls of men. Everything that happens in the spiritual world determines what happens in the natural world.

The Lord has won the victory but, by His design, He has left His church to enforce the victory and totally dispossess Satan and his minions. The Lord used the Greek term **ekklēsia** when he talked about building his church. The term is not a religious term; it describes a called-out group that was to govern. The Roman context was a group of people sent into a conquered territory to infuse the Roman language, its laws and cultural values into the people until the culture essentially became a Roman culture. The Lord didn't use the word Synagogue the Jews would be familiar with. The **ekklēsia** was given authority to establish the Kingdom of God on the earth and dispossess the principalities, powers, and rulers of the Kingdom of Darkness. Satan lost at the cross, but he doesn't give up ground easily. The war is not against people, it is against spiritual forces and requires spiritual weapons.

The battle is fierce, and it will require warriors who are fiercely devoted and trained for battle. To be prepared you have to know who God is, who man is, who Satan is and you need to know how to fight with the right

weapons. The purpose of this devotional is to help establish you in your walk as a soldier of the King of Kings and to sharpen your sword so you can fight with understanding.

There are only two classes of people in the world; those who know Jesus and are part of his family and those who don't know Jesus and are not part of his family. If you know Jesus and are part of his family, you are hated by Satan and are seen as an enemy combatant that threatens his kingdom. He is at war with you. Therefore, if you are a believer, you are in the fight and called to be a soldier.

Soldiers are also in one of two groups: those who are engaged in the battle, and those living as if they were at peace and thus being overrun. Jesus commanded all his family to occupy or do his business till he comes back. He also said, "Be prepared, and *keep* your lamps lit." Matt. 25:7-13

Those who don't know Jesus and are not part of his family are already captured by Satan and are prisoners of war. They are destined to an eternity of suffering with Satan and separated from God forever. The good news is that Jesus loves them so much that he came to earth, took on human flesh, in fulfilment of the scriptures. He lived the life they couldn't live. He then died on a cross and rose again in fulfilment of the scriptures to open the way to be reunited with him forever. Salvation is a gift that can't be earned, only accepted. If you are without him, you can be free of any bondage and join his family by

praying with a sincere heart:

Lord, I acknowledge that I am separated from you by my sin and that you died on the cross to pay the penalty and rose from the dead that I might be united with you forever. I ask your forgiveness for my sin and ask you to make me your child by coming into my life and changing me as only you can. I thank you for loving me and making me part of your family.

May the Holy Spirit bless you by giving you a spirit of wisdom and discernment to understand the battle you are in. May He bring you joy and victory in the battle.

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FOUNDATIONAL VIEW

As we look around at the circumstances of the day, things seem pretty crazy. It would be easy to allow fear and anxiety creep into our lives to destroy our peace, our joy and our health. The world may seem to be crumbling around us, but we have to constantly remind ourselves of several things:

- **Our God is God and nothing else is:** not my understanding of him; not another religion; not the powers that seem to be at the helm. Deut. 4:35
- **He, Jesus, is the one who saves and nothing else can:** not the government; not my financial stability; not my own strength or abilities. Acts 4:12
- **He is the Creator of Heaven and Earth:** not some accident over long periods of time. Gen 1:1; Col. 1;16
- **He is the Truth, The Way, The Life:** not whatever seems to be right in my own eyes or any other individual. He is not like a man that He should lie. Jn 14:6
- **He is absolutely good: He is the same,** yesterday, today and forever. **Heb 13:8**
- **He has said that he has called you by name and redeemed you:** You are his. When you go through struggles, he will keep you. Isa. 43:1-3 He chose you, you didn't choose him. Jn 15:16
- **He has given me choices each day for life:** Elijah said, *"if the LORD be God, follow him"* 1 Kings 18:21

Joshua said to choose "*life or death.*" Deut. 30:19 Every day, we have to choose:

1. To live, to serve God and trust in His faithfulness to keep us, to give us wisdom, and to help us walk according to His promise and character
2. or to follow things with our own eyes, our own understanding, my own emotions, and our own circumstances.

We should have the mind of the Psalmist when he says,

4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." Psalm 25:4-5

DAY 1

WHO IS GOD?

Read: Ex. 33:18,19; 34:5-7

How do we know who God is? The world tells who they think he is, but who does God say he is?

The world sees a name as a differentiator like George or Sally. The names of God, however, all describe his character and what he does: El Shaddai (the all-sufficient one), Jehovah Rapa (the God who heals), Jehovah Shalom, (God our peace), Jehovah Sabaoth (the God of armies), etc. His name means who He is and reflects his reputation.

Moses' request was, *Show me your Glory* (kabod-weightiness). God responded by describing who he is by proclaiming his names. When we see His Glory, we see all that He is. 1 John 3:2

Reflect:

- Who do you say God is?
- How do you get to know Him?
- Knowing it is the Lord who works his nature in you, what steps can you take to allow him to come close?

Pray:

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: **24** And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.