

THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS

How many times have we strived for or had plans to achieve success only to be knocked down or stalled at the starting gate.

The Apostle Paul writing to the Christians at Rome said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ...." Rom.1:16

Collective Vision – to reach our destiny to reach our destination, but we have an enemy to fight. This is why it is imperative the we receive a word of instruction from the Lord.

Matthew 17:20,21 - ²⁰ He answered, "Because of your little faith [your lack of trust and confidence in the power of God]; for I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, ^aif you have [living] faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and [if it is God's will] it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. ²¹ ^b[But this kind of demon does not go out except by prayer and fasting.]"

As we prepare to go on our annual Fast (Consecration) there are things we need to remember;

2 Chron. 20:15 - ¹⁵ He said, "Listen carefully, all [you people of] Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and King Jehoshaphat. The LORD says this to you: 'Be not afraid or dismayed at this great multitude, **for the battle is not yours, but God's.**

Conclusion: Because of this the Lord God reminds us;

Romans 8:30-37

³⁰ And those whom He predestined, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified [declared free of the guilt of sin]; and those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity].

³¹ What then shall we say to all these things? If God is for us, who can be [successful] against us? ³² He who did not spare [even] His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect (His chosen ones)? It is God who justifies us [declaring us blameless and putting us in a right relationship with Himself]. ³⁴ Who is the one who condemns us? Christ Jesus is the One who died [to pay our penalty], and more *than that*, who

was raised [from the dead], and who is at the right hand of God interceding [with the Father] for us. ³⁵Who shall ever separate us from the love of [a]Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written *and* forever remains written,

“FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;
WE ARE REGARDED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER.”

³⁷Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors *and* gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us].