\*OUR WEAPONS ARE NOT CANAL\*

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

 \*Ephes 6:12\*

We live in a very wicked world; I have seen evil perpetuated by wicked people while I was growing up.

Thank God for the Grace and gift of life.

So, whoever says there are no enemies is half dead.

As a young teenager in the city of Ibadan, Nigeria; where playing music loudly is a major business.

There was this particular song, sang by a popular Ibadan Juju ( name of a of music: type in the South West) artiste then.

Music translated:

"Had I known this world is a battle front; I would have been ready for it. Right from my youth age, I would have been prepared for war, I would have bought cutlass, hoe even AK 47 gun."

Meaning, one should be ready to fight and attack the enemy with all the weapons at your disposal!

However, after I gave my life to JESUS CHRIST, I discovered that:

 \*"Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: for the weapon of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the ...."\*

2 Cor 10:3-5

The fact that we are redeemed does not exempt us from battles.

In fact, the bible says we are \*soldiers of Christ\* and as soldiers we are meant to fight.

\*2 Tim 2:3\*

To this end, we are confronted with Spiritual battles.

It means, our modus operandi

is totally different from that of the army;

So, conventional weapons of war: in swords, guns matchet etc are not useful in fighting the spiritual battles that confront us.

 \*"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil".\*

Ephe 6:11

The weapon (armour)of our warfare are: \*sword of the Spirit:\* which is the \*Word of God\*, Praise and Worship, blood of Jesus, consistent prayer especially \*praying in the Spirit\* .

When Peter cut off the ear of Malchus : the high priest's servant who came to arrest Jesus Christ:He forbade Peter:

" \*Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword..."\*.

Mathew 26: 52-54

The Christian life is full of spiritual warfare and we must be equipped and ready for it.

I honestly feel disappointed seeing a supposedly Soldier in the Christendom complaining over persecution like a baby Christian.

Persecution is synonymous to the work of God; guess you have forgotten so quickly. you must have been told during your ordination that it will increase.

Our Lord Jesus Christ suffered persecution, the disciples did not escape it either.

As a true soldier of Christ, get accustomed to it and stop looking out for soft landing.

Jesus said :

Since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long, they fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted".

\*Matthew13:21\*

Hence, any true believer should speak up when there are blatant deviation from the Word of God and procedures of the Mission.

\*Galatians 2:14\*

My own loyalty is first to \*God\* Almighty and secondly to the \*Mission\* I have yielded myself to worship with.

How can one explain a man who is proud to boast openly about how many souls he has chased out of a congregation or that some left of their own accord after he took over;

To the extent that what is now left in people are not up to half of the number you inherited.

Honestly, the problem is your Ego : \*mind\* as the hired man confirmed.

Re-examine your ways and rigidity to ensure you are still living up to the tenets of your calling.

By the grace of God I refused to be \*intimidated\*

The Lord of host is my Shield and my fortress.

Break me, crush me; perhaps if you can, I will still stand on the \*Word of God;\* even if it means standing alone.

 GOD said unto me :

\*"I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse"\*

Gen 12:3.

For it is written: "vengeance is mine, I will repay says the Lord"

\*Romans 12:19\*

"Who is he that speaks and it comes to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? Why should a living man complain, a man about the punishment of his sins?..... "

 \*Lam 3:37-40\*

The work of God cannot be done like desperate and drowning politicians do; when they hire political thugs to attack their perceived enemies.

No amount of \*hired men\* can frighten a true child of God. When the hired man openly exposed the discussions they have put in his head; it was glaring which side the \*Lord stands.\*

Balak felt threatened by the exploits of the Isrealites, that he went to hire Balam to place a course on the \*Chosen\* of the Lord and the Lord spoke through Balaam:

"How shall I curse whom God has not cursed? and how can I denounce whom the Lord has not denounced".

 \*Num23:8.\*

PRAYER: \*As the Lord lives before whom I stand;\* any man that feels threatened, as a result of what God is using me to do in His work; let the arrow of affliction that they purpose for me go back to them seven times.🙏🏼🙏🏼🙏🏼.

 \*Surely there is no enchantment against Olaniyi neither is there any divination agaist Mobolaji, according to this time, it shall be said of Mobolaji Olaniyi Cole; see what God has done"\*

Num 23:23.

Mind you there is no positive record of the impacts of Samuel's children in the bible.

Neither is there any record of who the parents of Elijah were?

 \*Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.\*

Phil 2:12.

The enemies gathered to fight Elisha; but because Elisah stood on the Word of God. God surrounded him with horses and chariots of fire. Thereafter HE afflicted all the enemies with blindness.

\*2Kings6:15-18\*

 \*"Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing; speak a word but it will not stand for God is with us".\*

Isaiah 8:10.

 \*PRAYER\*: As many people that are part of a \*futile\* \*conspiracy\* against me in the course of doing \*God's work\* may the fire of God continue to afflict them.🙏🏼

Just like King David; instead of focusing on what he was appointed to do; he was fighting needless battles

Fight your battles on your knees and live everything to God.

In Christ alone I stand and no power of hell or scheme of man could pluck me from His hands.

In conclusion,

if you are still living a sinful life you are not covered under the shadow of God, repent now: before it is too late.

I belong to \*JESUS\*

Signed,Bro Cole

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