

Think it Not Strange

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These words came to mind today as I heard once again of a spiritual attack launched against another one of my brothers and sisters in the Lord. I Peter 4:12-13 it reads:

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

Yes, we know that the trials will come to try our faith. The trials will come to separate us from our Christian family. The trials will come to separate us even from our blood relatives. But know this one thing, **who** are **YOU** wrestling against? Is it your blood relative? Is it your brother or sister in the Lord? If it is, shame on you who are called **“The Body of Christ!”** Jesus’ Body **cannot** fight against itself and stand. Jesus’ Body **cannot** win others to Christ as long as we yield to division tactics.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” – Ephesians 6:12. Our **fight** is **against the enemy** of our soul **and** the souls of our loved ones.

Your trial may be a physical attack. The enemy would love to keep you from performing what God has called you to do. The enemy knows that his time is quickly coming to a close; therefore, he is speeding up his attacks on God’s Body. Your trial/attack may be against your finances to keep you from investing in God’s Kingdom work. Your trial/attack may be a mental attack so that you do not have the peace that God has so freely given His Body.

There are a variety of attacks the enemy sends our way. Some days you may feel that you are overflowing in troubles. But, my brother, my sister, do not give in! As in Ephesians 6:16, “. . . taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” This shield of faith **WORKS!** We must pick up our faith; we must guard our minds. *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” – Philippians 4:8*

Have you ever felt ok and then all of a sudden something hits you? You don’t know what it was; however, you suddenly may feel depressed, sad, just not right? That is when discernment (enlightenment on your situation) may kick in. Someone may have just prayed a prayer against you! What do you do? When that happens to me, I have learned to send the prayers prayed for me back to the person that prayed them. Now that is **power!** You have not sinned by doing this; you did not pray evil upon or against anyone (which is a sin). You merely returned their prayer upon them. If the feeling you had lifts, bingo! You know that discernment was from God. He is teaching you how to walk close to Him, looking to Him for the answers to everything you face. I am not saying that this is always the case or will always work.

It might be that through the spirit realm you are feeling what the person who is upon your heart is feeling at that very moment. The answer (since returning prayers upon them obviously won’t work) is to pray for them! They are on your heart for a reason. Be their intercessor! Be the deliverer Jesus wants you to be for them!

God is calling His Body into alignment with His Word, His Spirit, and His Plan! Oh, how precious is our God! Be a functioning part of His Body and His Plan!