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## **Watchman Made For War!**

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Not long ago the Lord spoke to me that I was a “watchman made for war”. Now, that may sound real spiritual to you, but since I am working and living in Afghanistan that wasn’t the best news. I could see Him saying that about our military...after all, they signed up for the purpose of defending and defeating the enemy. Me, on the other hand thought I was coming to work and pray a little and maybe minister to the people that crossed my path. As days and months pass, I realize He is right (like I need to confirm that!).

He also spoke to me that being in the Middle East is a time of preparing me so that I would not faint in the future. Jesus said we would have tribulations, but be of good cheer and don’t faint. He has made it possible for us to endure. In the following scriptures the Lord is showing us that fainting is not an option.

Ephesians 3: 13 “Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Deuteronomy 20:3 And he shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them;

Regardless of the tribulations or battle, our responsibility is to be immovable in our faith. If you are called to be a “watchman made for war”, then your assignment is always to be a watchman, no matter where you are in the world.

The Lord continued to explain to me a little of what it is like to be a watchman made for war. He said watchmen conduct “prayer missions”; we delay, defeat, or defend against threats to the Kingdom of God. He used military terms like Level I, II, III threats. As watchmen we can discern these threats and gather “spiritual intelligence”. He said He would reveal the preparation of the enemy and his plot to battle against the Word of God.

He showed me that our “bunker” is under the shadow of God’s wing. He is our refuge and fortress (Ps. 91). I know I have written recently about the shadow of His wings, but I can’t emphasize enough of how much He desires to shield and protect us.



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Another image I was shown was interesting. He showed me that we are like a rotating beacon. As we pray for everything around us and send forth God's word, it goes out into the darkness and the very atmosphere is changed because His word does not return void. (Isaiah 55:11).

Watchmen are the combat support team. We stand our post and pray a covering over the army of God and we see into the realm of the spirit and relay important information or pray strategically the will of God into the situations. We can pray a hedge round about a particular person, people or nation so the fiery darts and attacks of the devil cease.

We can't lose heart or faint. Our assignment is important and we must continue in His steps to make sure that none perish. That is our greatest commission and certainly our "prayer mission" for the nations.

Watchmen, I charge you to stay the course and pray with authority into the heavenlies proclaiming the power and dominion of our Lord! (Ephesians 6:13).

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