

Handout #15: Joshua Warriors Arise!

- ♦ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to taking the time and care to ask and then wait to listen for Your answers, Your will, Your directives for my life. I commit, as in Joshua 22:5, to be very careful *and* diligently observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD has commanded me to love the LORD my God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all my heart and with all my soul [my very life].”

6. Steadfast and Determined.

- ♦ The Word in Joshua chapter 23 tells us that as we remain steadfast and determined, God will fight our battles for us. So we find greater strength in giving the battle over to God.
- ♦ *“And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake; for the LORD your God is He who has been fighting for you. See, I have allotted to you these nations as an inheritance ... the LORD your God will push them away from before you and drive them out of your sight and you will take possession of their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. **Be steadfast and very determined to keep and to do everything that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses.**”* Joshua 23:3-6
- ♦ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the ways I have mixed, appropriated, adopted cultural, religious and spiritual ways, traditions, practices, values of those who were not of You and Your ways. I repent for intermarriage and wrong associations, for all the ways I have allowed them to be a snare and trap, for transgressing (violating) the covenant of the LORD my God, which He commanded me to follow, for in any way serving and bowing down to other gods and idols, including people, objects and ideologies.
- ♦ **Father God, I COMMIT** to being a Joshua Warrior, as Your Word in Joshua 23:6-8 says, so that I do not turn aside to the right or the left; I will not associate with peoples that remain amongst us, worship other gods, make anyone swear [an oath by them], or serve them, or bow down to them. But I will cling to the LORD my God in a true union as in marriage.
- ♦ **Father God**, just as You did for the Israelites, drive out all of our enemies on our soil, let no one stand in opposition before us this day. One of our men puts to flight a thousand, for the LORD our God is fighting for us, just as You promised us. Thank you Lord God!

7. Do Not Serve Other Gods.

- ♦ Joshua knew the trap the pagan nations would be to Israel, so he proposed three guidelines: obedience to God’s word (23:6); a diligent separation from the Canaanite nations (23:7); a dependence on the Lord with heartfelt love (23:8-11). In our culture, there are other versions of these “Canaanite nations” amongst us. Meditate and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal these to you.
- ♦ *“But do not rebel against the LORD, or ... act unfaithfully in the things under the ban (prohibited), and as a result God’s wrath come on the entire congregation.”* Joshua 22:19-20
- ♦ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I, my bloodline, America have served other gods, be they spiritual, material, relational, any kind of idol set up to compete with and overshadow You, and compromise my relationship with You. I repent for how America has forgotten her Judeo-Christian roots, has taken for granted the moral anchor of Your laws and the Gospel and allowed other gods and practices to come into our culture.³

³ **Regarding Mercy:** God gives nations and people many opportunities to repent before judgment (2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 2:20-21). The Amorite nation had plenty of time to turn from their idolatry, but they despised God’s goodness and longsuffering and refused to repent (Romans 2:4). The Lord’s judgment upon them was severe, and those in rebellion receive the fruits of it (Romans 2:5; Matthew 10:28; Revelation 2:22-23)

