

Called To Be Warriors

by Van Knolton

Called To Be Warriors

continued from page 303102

We must have the faith that the battle will be won as is prophesied in Genesis 3. We must understand from where our power comes. As stated in Joel 2:11 *"The Lord gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word...."*

Again, in 2 Timothy 2:3-4 (NKJV) we are told, *"You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier."* Brothers and Sisters, knowing that our calling is not one of pacifistic benchwarmers but one of being warriors we must prepare ourselves to do battle. In future articles we will explore putting on *"the whole armor of God"* to make us fit for battle; that a soldier does not fight on his own but as part of an army; and how good soldiers follow orders to please the leader who gives orders.

Remember brethren that our fight is one of **faith**, a faith that must be strengthened each day. We must remember who leads the army. As stated in Joel 2:11 (NKJV) *"The Lord gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His word."* Finally brethren, as we prepare to wage war, let us remember the words of Psalms 144:1-2 *"Blessed be the Lord my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle — My lovingkindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and the One in whom I take refuge."*

"Why Go To Church?"

submitted for publication

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday:

"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work."

"If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

EDITOR'S NOTE: How well this story illustrates the truth that we need regular, habitual spiritual nourishment. The souls of some Christians are so starved for food and drink that eventually they die — and everybody wonders why. If you could see into their souls you would see malnourished souls that look very anorexic! The inspired Word teaches the new convert to *"desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby"* (1 Pet. 2:2). There is the need of regular nourishment! Again, Hebrews 5:14 says, *"...solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."* Did you catch that? **"who by reason of use."** Dear reader, if you don't use it, then you lose it! **AWG**

303103