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good morning all you warriors. i know there are many of you who are reluctant warriors and even some who are willing, but feeling unequipped. we are not to dread or fear the battle, but put our trust in the One who always stands in the forefront. it is He also Who sees that "the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." 1 tim 3:17

oh captain, my captain! you have made the battle plans for our lives. "with the pure You will show Yourself pure; and with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd." psalms 18:26 You have out thought and out planned all the schemes of the enemy and we may rest in you.

why am i speaking so much today about warfare? this morning when i woke up and began my daily routine, my attention was drawn to a book laying in my bookshelf. this book has been there every morning and never jumped out at me previously. they say when you are reading your bible and a scripture seems to jump out at you, it is called a "rhema word"; a word God is quickening directly to you at that moment.

the book was "set the trumpet to thy mouth". it was a book by david wilkerson. he was the founder of teen challenge and a mighty current day prophet of God. he foretold of the many things he saw coming in the future. it was a time of doom and destruction, of death and despair. this is what is awaiting the world. awaiting those who know not their Lord.

God says it is time to put the trumpet to our lips and blow loudly. i am not a prophet, but i do know my Father's voice. now is the time if you're going to serve Him. i believe He has made each of us watchmen in our own little realm. you can reach a number of people that i may never know. it is up to each to blow the trumpet to those within their hearing.

"the watchman said, "the morning comes, and also the night. if you will inquire, inquire; return! come back!" isa 21:12 there is such a night coming such as the world has never known. the evil we suffer now will seem only a minor irritation then. "on some have compassion, using discernment. and others save with fear while pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment stained by the flesh." jude 22-23

there are only a few who may be reached by "reasoning" alone. some men of renown and wisdom have come to faith, but they are the exceptions. and still they could not have come without the drawing of the Holy Spirit. yes, the blessed Holy Spirit, always there and always urging.

i have heard the pope has said to witness but never proselytize. proselytize means to advocate, convert, convince and win over. i will stand with the apostle paul every time and say as he did, "i perceive that in all things you are very religious." acts 17:22 they may be sincere in every way, but sincerely wrong. he then proceeded to persuade them all of the God they worshiped without knowing.

one born into a religion is often weary or even afraid

to question further. culture and family can all be intimidating. who knows if your discovery of the truth may spread to your family? all i would say to those is this: ask God to make His self known to you. if your heart sincerely desires to know the truth, whatever it is, He will reveal it to you. don't just accept a set of rules laid down to you by others.

i can never compromise on the word of God and my belief. my hope and all my trust requires believing the words my Lord spoke. He spoke this: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. no one comes to the Father except through Me." john 14:6 i have heard it said: "He was either a liar, a lunatic or Lord." i choose the latter. one cannot say that He was just a decent man or a prophet with good teachings. He accepted worship. "and Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"" john 20:28

this in itself was a blasphemous thing. that is unless He really was God. did He perform mighty miracles? did He forgive sin? did He prove Himself in every way? did He then rise from the dead, proving His claim? no, He was not just a good teacher or even a prophet of God. He is the third part of the Godhead and, "without Him nothing was made that was made." john 1:3

yes! blow the trumpet, proselytize, snatch those souls. as they say in my circles" woo, win, convict and convince. persuade those who may be persuaded. reason with those who may be reasoned with. pray earnestly for those that remain in doubt. "but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a

reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." 1 pet 3:15

i would ask you all this day: are you ready? ready to give a defense and ready to meet your maker? i joy with those who are ready and i weep for those who aren't sure. there can be an assurance. i urge all to cry out in their hearts now. "for thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." isa 57:15 will i see you there? please be sure.

i would add a quick side note here. i just wanted to remind every one, tonight at 7:30 pm ct on daystar tv, there will be a replay of the memorial service for marcus lamb. the family wanted all who were not able to attend to witness. witness a life lived well for God. i am sure it will be done with taste and honor. we give honor to whom honor is due. God bless all.

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