

Ezekiel Ministry

God's Army

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“There is a kingdom. The king lives in a palace on a hill. He can only maintain or expand the boundaries of his kingdom if he has an army to fight on his behalf. In the kingdom there are a number of large military bases. They spend hours singing praises to their king. A large number of soldiers spend their time telling children of the king's exploits in the past. The senior officers bustle around looking extremely busy. Some even move from base to base encouraging the troops. The bases are well equipped with provisions and regular newsletters are published. People are regularly recruited, because the bases are exciting places to be, but no one actually goes out to fight.

The soldiers are so busy on their bases that they do not realize that the enemy armies are invading the kingdom. Occasionally, someone comes down off the watchtower and raises an alarm. The soldiers respond by getting busy in their training activities.

Sometimes a soldier fires a gun in the direction of one of the invading armies, but because the shot is misdirected and fired in fear, it has no impact.

One day the army wakes up and finds that their camps are totally surrounded by enemy soldiers. The training camps have not been designed for defense, so they will have no alternative but to surrender.

Many will have expected the king to come out of his castle on the hill, and deliver the people from the enemy, with a new miraculous weapon. This is vain hope. The king remains in his palace where he belongs.

If the army is to retake the kingdom for the king, the soldiers will be forced out into the towns and the countryside to form guerrilla units. By forming small cohesive units that can exist under domination by the enemy armies, they will eventually drive out the enemy armies and retake the kingdom.” (John and Paula Sandford – Elijah House)

Some in the government want to close our churches. They don't want anything that has to do with God. We are the army of God and we must fight for God. We must get out in the world and witness for God. We must get out of our churches and let the world know that we love God and we cannot stop what God wants done.

Amos 6:1 says, “Woe to you who are at ease in Zion.” Then he says in 6:3, “Woe to you who put far off the day of doom.” I believe that Jesus is speaking to us today. He is saying that we are asleep. We must be on guard for I am coming soon and you must be ready.

In order for us to be God's army we may need to have some civil disobedience. Henry David Thoreau, taught us that the only true foundation of liberty is civil disobedience, a peaceful and passive form of political protest that rests on the simple refusal to follow unjust laws or pay unjust taxes. I believe that a time is coming when we will have to choose between God and the government. For years now I have been putting scripture on Facebook every day. I have been expecting to be cut off, but so far there has been no problem. At this point I am putting scripture and some of my writings on social media.

We say that as Christians we need to love everyone and we don't need to offend anyone. Yes, we need to love the sinner and hate his sin. I don't care who I offend with the gospel of Jesus Christ; so much that is out in the world today offends me. I love the prayer of Nehemiah. "Then I prayed, "Hear us, our God, for we are being mocked. May their scoffing fall back on their own heads, and may they themselves become captives in a foreign land! Do not ignore their guilt. Do not blot out their sins, for they have provoked you to anger here in front of the builders." (Nehemiah 4:4-5)

We cannot sit back and think that God will take care of what is happening in our world. We must get out and have the courage to tell others about Jesus Christ and His love for everyone. "With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you." Isaiah 35:3-4

"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:14-16) Let your light shine so everyone can see Jesus.

"Under these gubernatorial tyrants, we have caught a glimpse of the future. Commerce is stifled while protesting is encouraged. Families cannot meet for a holiday dinner or midnight Mass, but they can march down the street with Antifa. Liquor stores are considered "essential services" while the Sacraments are non-essential. This might be the new normal, but would insist this is just the normal behavior of the modern state." (Joseph Sobran) We must change this new normal. We are God's Army and we need to act like we are God's Army.

The abundance of the life of Christ awaits us, not as the answer to our declaration of faith, but as a filling of the empty vessel of our lives given to Him, not because of our strength but because of our need, not because of what we are but because of what He is. God is preparing his army now. He wants us to know who He is and how great He is.

God is seeking a people.

- Who will leave the old life with its values and priorities?
- Who will put God first?
- Whose eyes are not on the earthly kingdom and what it can offer.

- Whose eyes are open to Him.
- Who out of weakness and total human inadequacy, are made strong through His indwelling Spirit?
- A people that has the courage to stand up for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.