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Dear Believer:

I am excited to see the way the Lord is working in our area. There is great forward motion in the kingdom, though some see it as conflict. The Word of God says that the kingdom suffers violence and the violent take it by force. The violence that is being suffered by the kingdom is the back biting, slander, gossip, and fear which are again rearing their heads to try to cut off what Jesus is doing in our area. We are still dealing with the Haughty that will not be humbled, the Hurting that will not be healed, and the Control that will not be relinquished.

The Lord has been speaking to us out of the book of Joshua. Specifically, He called our attention to the five piles of stones in the first of the book. The Lord has quickened them to us as representative of: 1) God's leadership-the stones in Jordan, 2) a proclamation of who God is-the stones at Gilgal, 3) cleansing of unrighteousness from His people-the stones over Achan, 4) God's triumph over his enemies-the stones over the King of Ai, and 5) returning to the original purpose and covenant of God-the stones of the altar at Ebal.

It is interesting to me to note that as God has been speaking to us of these things, He has been speaking to others of the five kings against which Israel fought in the latter part of Joshua. The kings represent oppression (or heaviness), religion (expressed as legalism), besiegement (often occurring as infirmity), spiritual blindness (which is the root of haughtiness), and accusation (which is the same as witchcraft).

One of the indications of the working of a spirit of anti-Christ is attempts to quash the prophetic word of the Lord from the pulpit and in other venues. Those who are hard hearted, unbelieving and afraid are the most susceptible to the lure of this spirit, which in one form or says you can be like God, you can be the one in control. I see this as forward motion because when the Spirit of Christ is working powerfully in an area you see conflict. It is when God is working that the kingdoms of men are challenged. Recently the Lord was comforting a leader from the scriptures in 2 Chron 13, where King Abijah was proclaiming the truth to the rebellious tribes of Israel who were under Jeroboam. While Abijah was still speaking; even as the Word of reconciliation was being proclaimed to those who had rejected the things of God, the enemies of God were attempting to take advantage of the grace that was offering them a choice. They were trying to ambush Abijah. In the midst of their deceit and plotting against the man of God, God dealt with them severely and destroyed their power to hinder the kingdom.

God is still calling out to His people. He is calling to us to remember the things of God's glory (the stones of Joshua), to reject and deal with His enemies (the kings which Joshua fought) and to line up with what He is doing in our area.

Let us continue to pray that the Lord purify our hearts, our families, our churches, and our city. Let us ask him to destroy from within us and among us the Haughty that will not be humbled, the Hurting that will not be healed, and the Control that will not be relinquished. **Pray with us** that Jesus would put a stop to the slander, the gossip, the stubborn refusal to follow where God's pastors are leading us. **Let us pray** God kill our fear and prepare us for the harvest. Thy kingdom, Thy will O Lord in us.

Sincerely,
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