

Guard Your Gates

Matthew 5:13-16 (*Focus Matt. 5:14*)

(Part 2)

Be on the outlook.

Get ready.

Don't back down, don't pucker out, you stand with the Whole Armor of God.

The Bible tells the battle is already won, so do give in, don't give up, don't throw in the towel.

Because WE win at the end. Just stay the course. Pass the test!!

See the devil don't want you to know he is already defeated. **He is already under your feet.**

We need to stand up with wings of an eagle and soar through those situations that come about in our lives.

He knows what gates are vulnerable, so that will be the gate he will try to get into first.

Don't think he doesn't know what you like. He has been studying you to find out how to get you and keep you.

If he knows your weakest gate is your eyes, then he knows he just has to show you the right thing, and he got you.

If he knows your weakest gate is your ears, then he will have the right thing spoken to you and he got you.

See if the Holy Spirit is your GateKeeper, HE will not be persuaded. He will not let the enemy in no matter what he does to sweet talk you.

The GateKeeper will be able to identify the devil and his skims.

He will put something in your spirit when confronted with the enemy and all of a sudden you can't explain it but something says,

Don't answer that,

Don't respond to that,

Don't go by there,

Don't listen to that,

Don't do that.

You start talking to yourself saying "Some thing just not right about this thing. I can't put my finger on, but I think I better pray about this first.

Run that thing by the Gatekeeper and see what HE says. Now you got to listen to HIM, when responds. That is the whole purpose of doing a **Gate Check!**

I remember after 9-11 living on and working on a military base, only those that had business on the base were allowed on the base.

The guards at the gate had a duty at all cost to protect those inside of the gates. One way for the guards to identify if you belonged on the base, they would first check your military ID card.

This identification showed that you at least belong to the military which to some degree gave you access to the base.

But the guards didn't stop there they had everyone get out of the cars and they checked the inside, outside and underneath the cars.

The guards wanted to ensure that even though you had a military ID, that you were not the enemy in disguise and packing something that could be dangerous to those inside the gate.

When someone comes to your gates, before you let them in, **Check their ID** to see if they belong (**are they saved, do they go to church on a regular basis, are they working in the kingdom in some capacity,**

But don't stop there, **Check their baggage.** Check to see if they are carrying any hidden secrets that could be potential harmful to you.

Guard your GATES!!! Tell you neighbor Guard Your Gates!!!

In the passage of scripture we are focusing on this morning, Jesus is talking to His disciples (they were followers of Christ and they were people who were already called to do a work for the kingdom).

They had already accepted the Lord as their personal Savior.

He reminds them, **“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill that cannot be hidden”.**

Webster dictionary says that **“set”** means to be appointed or assigned to a position.

You have been called to do a job in the body of Christ.

Because of that position God has put you in, you are assigned to help the world in some way that will bring glory to God.

This assignment makes you the light among the darkness.

That is why you are different, you are not suppose to fit in **-stop trying to be like everybody else, you are uniquely and wonderfully made,**

You remember when you did wrong you feel guilty and you asked yourself why did I do that?

That is God tugging on your heart. You are supposed to be light among the darkness.

God has an assignment for you. Time is running out, it is time for us to get it together.

That is why you and your family have been coming under attack. See the enemy does not see you as an X anything, he sees what God sees.

He is trying to stop your assignment.

The enemy is trying to put out the light that has been placed inside of you.

God has given you a light, and that light has to do what it was created to do, Shine!

There has been a purpose set inside of you. And whatever your Gift is, it will illuminate others to shine.

You have been dealing with that thing because that is probably where your gift is.

A drug user needs to see that God totally delivered you from drugs so that they can put down the crack pipe.

If you were delivered from that sexual abuse, some young boy or young girl needs to hear your story, so that they too will know they can rise above that.

Someone needs to hear that God freed your mind, so no longer are you bondage to depression.

If you can only see what God sees.

He sees doctors, lawyers, musicians, teachers, presidents, CEOs, authors, scientist, artist, ministers, producers, clothing designers, counselors, accountants, nurses, entrepreneurs.

It is time out for games and get serious about this thing call life.

Do what you need to do to make the shift today.

**If you need to make call, make a call,
If you need to change your number, change it,
If you need to fill out the application, fill it out,
If you need to do some research on that assignment, go to the library, get on line.
If you need get mentor, seek out a mentor in that field.
If you need to write, sit down and write,
If you need to get in school, get in where you fit in.**

Stop looking at everyone else going to the next level and go yourself.

God is waiting on you! We are waiting for you!

It is time for us to allow God to take us higher.

A popular songstress has this song called "Upgrade You". In the video it is her and a rapper.

He is talking about what he has already got going for himself. But she says all of that is fine, but when I get with you, you can have this, you can have that, you can really have it going on.

She said I will "upgrade" you. Meaning I will make you better than you already are, just because you are with me.

Well, God wants to UPGRADE YOU.

He not the songstress and He is not the rapper. He more than that.

If she can do that for the rapper, imagine what our Father will do for us. He owns it all. He wants to give it too.

Just seek Him and HE will be found.

Let the light shine in you.

What you have gone threw, is not for you to keep it, but for you to help someone else in that same situation.

What we experience is nothing new under the sun.

I bet you right now if we took a poll, you will find out that there is some one maybe even sitting next to you that has gone threw or is going threw the same thing you just came out of.

We need to get it together and tell our story!

We have become so churchy that we act like we haven't ever done anything/been through anything.

But the bottom line is we all have fallen short of the glory of God.

We all have done something we have not been proud of one time or another.

We need to share need to encourage one another and give each other hope. We need to let each other know I made so, so can you.

Not act we don't see the problem. BAM! It is right there.

How can you not see it? We can't continue to criticize and not help.

So for my brother and my sister who are going threw, who are dealing with some things, **We need you to Survive!**

We need you to tell the devil no!

We need you stay focus on what God told you!

We need you to declare and act like, you are the HEAD and not the tail!

We need you to declare and act like, you are a lender and not a borrower!

We need you to declare and act like you are delivered!

We need you to declare and act like you are healed!

We need you to declare and act like you have peace and joy!

We are counting on you to let your light shine.

Tell the Lord, "Lord take me higher, I want an Upgrade.

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