

A WOUNDED SOLDIER

Thought: Wounded but lifted

II Timothy 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. II Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Wounded - daqar (daw-kar) Hebrew word which means to stab; to revile, attack, to pierce or to strike. Soldier-stratiotes (strat-ee-o-'lace) a Greek word which means a common warrior. Warrior is a man or woman who's experience in battle. A warrior not only knows how to fight but a warrior knows what it takes to win.

According to II Timothy 2:4 a real soldier of Jesus Christ doesn't get entangled with the pollution of this world. A soldier for the Lord doesn't get involved with mess. The soldier of the Lord's goal is to please him who has called him to be a soldier.

Sometimes a soldier may get wounded or injured in battle. Wounded but yet a soldier. This soldier may have injuries but because his main purpose is to please the Father, even when wounded he'll forget those things which are behind and he'll reach forth unto those things which are before him. This wounded soldier will press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Wounded but lifted. I'm wounded but I am going to keep on heading forward. I'm wounded but I got to keep it moving. I'm wounded but I got to put one foot ahead of the other. The steps of a good man or woman are ordered by the Lord. I'm wounded, but my purpose is pushing me ahead. Wounded but lifted.

There was a woman who was wounded but lifted. This woman had an issue of blood for twelve long years. She battled with a blood disease which was incurable. She spent all her money on the doctor bills and yet she was still sick. (Broke & Sick) The doctor bills ate up all of her funds. This woman said within herself. "I'm wounded, but I'm going to be healed." Wounded but I'm going through the crowd. Wounded but I must press forward. I got to force my way through. It's risky. I can die trying, but if I don't try, I'll die with this disease. Wounded but determined to keep trying until I reach my destination (Jesus). Wounded but I'm going to get my healing. If only I could just touch the hem of His garment." Wounded but lifted. She touched him and immediately she was made whole. One touch of the master and instantly 12 years of misery, pain, and suffering was wiped away. Wounded but lifted.

Jesus asked, "Who touched me? I felt power/virtue leave from me." The woman who previously had an issue of blood said, "I touched you." Jesus said, "daughter, be of good cheer, your faith has made you whole, go in peace." Wounded but healed.

According to II Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Good soldiers endure. They carry on through, despite hardships. Good soldiers last. They suffer patiently without yielding. Good soldiers work well under pressure.

Jacob was a good soldier. He wrestled all night long with the Angel of the Lord. The Angel knocked the socket out of Jacob's hip and Jacob had a limp, but he didn't quit. He persevered. Jacob told the Angel that he wasn't going to let him go until he blessed him. Wounded but holding on. I'm wounded and my hip is broken, but I must hold on for my blessing. I'm in pain, but I won't let go. I'm tired and weak because I have been wrestling all night long. But I am determined to hold on for my blessing. Don't let go, but hold on. Wounded but with a grip.

Daybreak and the Angel of the Lord said, "Let me go." Jacob replied, "No I won't let go until you bless me." The Angel said, "What is your name?" My name is Jacob. The Angel said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel for you have struggled with God and overcame."

Your name can change too. From Sinner to Saint, from rebel to friend, from the enemy of God to the Son of God, but you gotta hold on. Don't let go until he blesses you. Hold on for the blessing. Wounded but lifted.

Romans 8:18, For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. I suppose that whatever you're facing in your life can not be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in you. According to II Corinthians 4:17, our light afflictions, which is but for a moment. Trouble doesn't last always. This too shall pass. Whatever you're facing, it's light, it's only a test. It's working for you a more exceeding (a very great) and eternal weight of glory.

Don't stress because you're serving a God who can do anything but fail. He heals diseases, he gives out blessings, he adds years to our lives, he rescues us out of darkness into the marvelous light and he redeems our souls. Nothing is impossible for our God. Soldier, with God you can leap over this problem. You can leap over this situation. You can leap over hurt, pain, disappointment and failures. You can leap over your past. With God you are more than a conqueror. You can and you will conquer this.

Just conquer one thing at a time. You're a soldier/warrior whether wounded or not you must fight. Stay in the fight because with God you will win! Wounded but lifted.