## *Focus on the Power*

Not on the problem…

*"The Enemy works for you. In his efforts to defeat you, he actually causes you to be strengthened, because you have to fight, you have to use the new weapons, you have to get desperate."*

The Bible is a weapon manual. It is an instruction handbook on how to fight and defeat Satan. Follow its guidelines; do what it says and the weapons works. The Bible is the Word of God and the Word of God is power. So focus on the power.
All the weapons you need to fight the enemy of your faith are in the Bible, you just have to find them. And just like any worldly military installation these weapons are kept under lock and key. For good reason too, you wouldn't want just anyone coming into your armory and pulling out a weapon to use any old how. Some of the weapons, like prayer and praise are easy to find; use them and they work. Some weapons are a little more difficult to find, you may have to exercise a lot more faith, but they are there under lock and key. The key to gain access to the armory is faith. Some of the newer Endtime weapons like prophecy, loving Jesus intimately, the Keys of the Kingdom, and there are more, will need different keys and access codes. The bigger and badder the weapons the more faith it takes to use them and the more stipulations there are in using them.
To understand what I am talking about I'll give you an example. Jesus the man, as we are men, who was tempted as we are tempted, who learned obedience to the will of His Father through the things that He suffered, just as we learn obedience to the Bridegrooms will through the things that we suffer, wielded some pretty high powered weapons when He was on earth. How did He get His hands on these weapons, He didn't bring them with Him from Heaven, there is no record of Him using them during His teen years. As far as we know, Cana was the first display of power the world ever saw from Jesus.
Jesus had the power to raise people from the dead and heal every ailment in-between. Whatever He required to fulfill His mission on earth was available to Him. He didn't carry all these weapons around with Him; He had access to them through the spirit. He also held a secret as to how to gain access to this stash, which He revealed to His disciples in Matthew 16:19. It was once suggested that there was undoubtedly more written about the Keys to the Kingdom, however for one reason or another, the Catholic Church hid the script away in one of their deep vault. No matter, because to those that truly love their King is given private audience, and it is during those times of intimate interlude that He freely shares all things with His beloved.
Jesus obviously held a box of magic keys which gave Him entrance to Heaven's weapons stash. However, it is also obvious that these Keys are not just handed out helter skelter, because if they end up in the wrong hands, imagine the damage they could unleash. So yes it is vital to keep these weapons under lock and key. Jesus said of us, His Endtime remnant that we would do greater miracles than He did, that meant He had every intention to pass on the Keys to the Heavenly armory. (John 14:12)
And so He has; He presented those with the faith, the Keys to the Kingdom. All power in heaven and earth are yours; it's that simple…right…well not really. Here's a quote I found that explains more clearly the conditions attached to the promise. Again, conditions are like locks which can only be opened with keys, obedience being one of them.

*"Many will hunger and lust after the power of the keys. As My children advance in their use of the keys and learn to harness the untold power of the keys, others will seek after the keys in order to twist their use toward personal glory and fame. These will be eager to learn, to be instructed, to follow the steps to power. But they will find none. The keys are only activated through sincerity of heart, and without the quality of a deep love for Me, dedication, and yieldedness to Me, the keys give no power. The keys know*

*the heart of a believer, and they will not be deceived or made a mockery of by selfish and power-hungry users.*
*There are other gifts that I have given those in the world, both Christians and non-Christians--gifts of special powers, healing, discernment, mind-reading, connection with the spirit world, extreme knowledge, and many others. But the gift of the keys is only for those who go further--who love Me, who live for Me, and who give their lives for Me. The gift of the keys is for My Endtime disciples.*
*So seek within your own heart for the desire to be a disciple. The power of the keys will equal your commitment to discipleship, and not only your commitment, but your day-to-day living. As you dedicate yourself, and live your dedication daily, the power will come to you in the same measure. Then you must harness it and utilize it. These are the guidelines and the conditions of the keys of the Kingdom."*
*(Call on the Keys! [#3368])*

The Keys are not just an ordinary set of Keys strung on a key ring, they are much much more. Here is another quote to help you comprehend the power Jesus wants to give those that are tried and tested and worthy to receive the most powerful weapons ever known to man. It is from the same letter.

*"And now I tell you a mystery, dear loves: <u>The keys to the Kingdom and the Word are one</u>. The keys are not just the Word; they are many things and they take on many forms. They are, however, one with the Word. Through the keys you find entrance to the full counsel of God. The keys open up My full Word power to you. You need not try to understand this with your carnal mind, but only believe."*

There you have it, "His full Word power". This is what we are to focus on right now, because right around the next corner, and I believe we are talking about 2022, the world, but especially we, are going to enter the time of Jacob's trouble. A period of world-wide intense persecution, that Jesus warned, no flesh would survive unless He arrived on the scene to cut short those days. (Matthew 24: 22). Jesus knows very well what storm we are heading into; He understands the intensity of these coming days because He also passed through His own days of intense persecution. Following is some advice His Father gave Him before His ministry began in earnest, followed by some advice He gave one of His brides during a time of intimate interlude.

*"He told Me what I needed to do was focus <u>more</u> on the <u>power of the keys</u> than on the <u>obstacles</u> I faced. He said I needed to <u>forget</u> about looking at the obstacles and set My focus <u>only</u> on the power I had access to. I had to acknowledge that the obstacles were there; I had to acknowledge there was a problem; but when I was faced with an obstacle, I was to instantly <u>focus</u> on the power, focus on the keys, focus on My Father, on His Word, and on what I knew to be true.*
*I had to focus on His Word, on the power of the keys, <u>not</u> on the circumstances that surrounded Me. He told Me clearly that what I had to do was to ignore all other possibilities of solutions to any given problem or obstacle I faced. I had to ignore all other voices crying out to Me and <u>only</u> focus on the keys. How was I to do this? I was in the flesh as you are, surrounded by the things of the Earth. I was not exempt from carnal thinking. My Father said it was simple, really--a simple matter of faith alone. I had to focus on His power rather than carnal thinking, and the way to do this was to exercise My faith in His Word, in His promises to Me, and most importantly, I had to not only claim His promise, but I had to act on the Word I was given.*
*I was to look fully to My Father by putting the instruction He gave Me into action; this was focusing on the power. I would shoot up prayers and hear from My Father on the spot, but the key to focusing on the power was to take immediate action and do what He told Me to do, and do it right then if He was so leading.*

*The key was not only in calling on the keys, but in following through. By taking action, by being a doer of the Word that I was given, there was no room to even contemplate other possibilities, which would block the power of the keys I had available to Me. Being a doer of the Word, obedient only to the will of My Father, was My declaration of faith. Obeying and acting on the Word--the power of the Word--opened the floodgates for the power of the keys to flow through Me."*

*"Looking, looking, My children are circling the prey, they are as eagles, eyes on the carcass. They look to Me for their cue, they trust no one but Me. It is their faith that pleases Me and it will be their faith that will cause Me to hand them the final key. I cannot help but honor the man of faith. As I have pointed out, next year 2022, will be a pivotal year. The grand master has taken his seat for the final game. His players are laid out before him, every piece is strategically placed, and all know their position and the next move. What they don't know is that the grand master has no favorites. At any time, if expedient to winning the game, anyone of them could be sacrificed. This is chess and only checkmate wins. Even the man of sin will be sent to his death in his master's final last ditch attempt to win the game. I too play to win, I too ask My players to offer their lives in sacrifice, I do not deceive you, you know the rules of the game, I do not play the underhanded game My opponent plays. You play for real rewards, whereas the enemy's dupes play for sand, dust and ashes. They play for material rewards, for that is all their master can offer them, but all eventually be tossed aside by their usurper king.*
*This game is so intricate, so detailed, and so spiritual. It can be likened to capillaries or the nervous system within the human body, only I can truly know the intricacies of such things. The enemy is a fool; to think that he can play against Me. Every single player on the board, irrespective of their motive or purpose for being and doing what they do are under My control and therefore in a sense are playing for Me. Even the "wise" old lizard is playing into My hands. I already see the checkmate up ahead, and he cannot help but work himself into a corner.*
*I appreciate My children's desire to understand the rules of this game, I realize that knowledge brings comfort of sorts. But My loves, it is not about knowing more than the other guy or being one step ahead of the opponent, it is about knowing My will for you. I may put you somewhere on the board that your reckoning hadn't anticipated. The seeming good guy today could turn out to be the bad guy tomorrow. Didn't I warn you in My bible to beware of those that flatter with words. How can any man know of a surety that he is following My plan unless he asks Me everything, every day and even hourly if need be? He cannot, not even you My loves, you are more practiced than most on this planet, know full well that I could change direction within the hour if it suits My will. Who understands this game more than Me? Who knows what path I may take in order to reach the goal, who knows but what is happening today may not have an effect on things until the millennium is reached. I love to see you seeking and searching for My will, I love conundrums and riddles as much as the next guy. But in all your deliberating, remember. It is not always what it may seem to be; those mountains that looked like one range may soon become two or even three separate peaks. Don't look to man, look to Me. Have you ever been in a small boat in stormy weather? The Endtime is like that, it is hard to know what is up and what is down, the wind swirls and twists as it lashes you with sea spray, the darkness is disorienting, and you lose direction, a wave could sweep across the deck at any time and you are dragged into the sea. The man beside you, who was your friend in fair weather, turns out to be an enemy in foul. His intentions are good, yes, but the ferocity of the storm caused him to take his eyes off Me and suddenly he is acting in the most untoward manner. The enemy is always looking to use your good intentions for his benefit, but don't fear if those intentions are sanctioned by Me, Romans 8:28 will always apply. My Word is fact and rock solid, so come to Me, I am at the helm, the night is thickening the winds are picking up and the swell is rising. Stay on your toes; continue to listen to My whispers as you search for the signs of My coming. And as was said many times in the past, I will direct you as you listen, and eventually your faith will be rewarded as you see the pieces of the puzzle come together." End of prophecy.*

All these years of following Jesus from country to country as missionaries, have been our days of preparation for the big event. Our real ministry, our destiny, is about to begin in earnest. The advice the Father gave His Son on the eve of the greatest part of His earthly ministry; Jesus is now giving to us. It is imperative that we heed His counsel.

Someone once said that you cannot fight against City Hall. What does City Hall expect from its good citizens; it demands obedience to the rules and regulations set down, compliance to the laws of the land. But what if the laws of the land do not conform to the laws of God? Are we to obey man or God? And if man's laws run contrary to God's then how are we going to fight them, how are we going to fight city hall? Should we do as the thousands and thousands of protestors are doing right now as they march from park to city hall waving their placards and banners in defiance to the vaccine mandate? These are the unapprised; these are they who have not discerned the signs of the times. Or should we do as the Laodicean church do and put on our masks as they quote Rom.13:1-7. No My loves, for these are the lukewarm, these are those that compromise with the world to uphold their lifestyle.

But what if a government dictum compromises your faith in Christ, His Word & His Love & His grace & your own salvation, what if the government is not acting under the authority of God but is acting under the authority of a lesser god; then you are no longer bound by that law, because it has been superseded by a greater law. The High Court of God has ruled that law null and void.

We are not going to fight City Hall, because we are not fighting a physical enemy, we are fighting a spiritual enemy and the weapons in this warfare are not carnal but mighty through God. We fight in the spirit by standing on the promises of God which puts our helpers in the spiritual realm to work. Here's a cool prophecy excerpt from the letter Leadership Lessons that back up what I am saying here.

*Jesus Speaking: "I'm standing right behind you--Me with My team of angelic helpers and spirit beings who tower above you like giants--and we're trying to get your attention. We're waving and shouting and whistling! We have huge modern technology in our hands, tools that you've never seen. If you'd just ask, we're ready to operate our tools on your behalf, which would make your work much easier. But alas, you keep running around here and there, saying, "I'll be right with You. Just a minute. I just have to take care of this one thing, and then this other, and then this other. Ahhh … just one second. Really, I'm almost done."*

*Every once in a while you collapse, and then you call on Me and My team, and we're so happy! Finally we're able to step in and do the work for you. But then, as soon as you feel you've recouped a tiny bit of strength, you're up and at it again. "Oh, excuse me," you say, as you push your way to the front. "Uhhh, I need to get to work. Could You move over a little? Let me see, now where was I?" And there you go again. Same story, over and over.*

*If you could see it from My point of view, you'd see that it's really ridiculous! You are merely weak men and women. I am the God of the Universe. All power is given to Me. I rule! I keep My promises. I am a faithful, doting Husband, and yet there's so little room for Me in your lives.*

*You know what that is? It's self-righteousness. It's thinking too highly of yourselves. It's the epitome of the arm of the flesh. Anything and everything that you could ever do is minute, weak and pathetic compared to what I can do. I can do anything! I can do everything! When you really think about it, what can you do?*

*This is My work, My flock, My harvest field, My tools, and I am the Boss! This is something I want to get straightened out once and for all. If you want to work for Me, if you want to be an example to the flock, if you want to lead, there are rules, and the first one on the list is to let Me work!" (Leadership Lessons, Part 1 [#3347])*

And another excerpt from The Spiritual Warfare Depends on Us:

*"THE WARFARE IN THE SPIRIT WORLD IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT IT ALL HINGES ON US & HAS TO DO WITH US! The warfare that my Mother envisioned going on in the heavenlies is the warfare between spirits in the Spirit World for & against us!*
*THE MAIN BATTLES ARE FOR & AGAINST US! The main spirit battles, of course, are going on in the Spirit World, but they hinge almost entirely on us & our decisions here. The battles depend largely on our decisions as to which way they go, because the hands of the powers of Heaven are tied according to our decisions! If we make the right decisions & operate by faith, then the forces of good are loosed & empowered to help us & to overcome the forces of evil! But if Man makes the wrong decision & goes the wrong direction, then, in a sense their hands are tied, & the hands of the devils & demons & of Satan are liberated to bring about devastation amongst humanity, just like is happening right now!*
*THE WHOLE WARFARE DEPENDS ON US & WHICH DIRECTION WE GO & how much we let them help us or get their help! When Daniel prayed, the Angel of God that was sent to help him was liberated & got the victory over the Devil & was able to come & help Daniel. It was because of Daniel's prayers that he got the victory, & then Michael was able to come & help him & got the victory over the Prince of Persia.--Dan.10:12-13. And it was because Jacob fought a good fight & persevered that he got the victory, won the blessing & was empowered of the Spirit of God to win!--Gen.32:24-28.*
*SO THE BATTLES OF HEAVEN ARE ACTUALLY ENTIRELY DEPENDENT UPON US & WHICH WAY WE GO! The spirits are not totally independent of us, & just merely fighting amongst themselves in Heaven. There would be no point or purpose in this, because the whole idea is that Man is the one who has been given the majesty of choice & decision, & the way Man goes, so goes the battle! If Man makes the right choice & goes the right way, then the forces of Heaven are empowered to overcome the forces of evil. If Man makes the wrong decision & goes the wrong way, then according to the laws, or you might say the rules of the game, then the forces of evil are allowed to win, as they're obviously doing now, as the World is on its way to Hell!"*

Mankind has made his decision and Satan is turning up the heat on us, God's true church. We, the remnant are about to enter three and a half years of tribulation. We who have been watching the weather pattern have observed the barometer dropping for some time now. We have been trimming our lamps; we have been keeping the supply of oil at the highest possible level and will continue to do so; every time the level drops some, we run back to our Husband for more oil. What more can we do to prepare for the Great temptation that is about to come upon the entire world. This event is going to change you and me and the world forever. We are not simply moving house or changing states or going overseas, that is simple in comparison. The remnant are about to leave the world system, not just in spirit, but in totality.
And to do that we must focus on the power. Here is how it is done.
***"If you want to focus on the power, My brides, you must learn to do as I did and adopt a "do it now" policy.*** *This will help you stay focused, because in doing what I tell you without delay, you will be declaring your faith, and through this stand of faith, you will ward off the distraction of other things, carnal reasoning, and the impossibilities that try to bring you down.*
***You must hear from Me and take immediate action, nothing wavering, without so much as even considering any other possibility or alternative other than calling on the power of the keys.*** *If you stop to consider other alternatives, this will lessen the power of the keys, for in so doing, you open the door for the Enemy to get a foothold in your heart and mind with temptation to waver and back down.*
***You must not look to the right or to the left. You must not even consider any other course of action.*** *You must look straight on to Me alone and the things I tell you to do. You must simply follow through on what I tell you to do. This is focusing on the power. It's not letting your focus get interrupted with other alternatives, with carnal thinking, with temptations of doubt, with negative input of the world, with anything other than* ***My sure Word.***

***This is what I had to do during My public ministry on Earth.*** *If I was to access the power of the keys to the greatest degree, I had to look only to the power of the keys, call only on the power of Heaven I possessed. My faith had to be in the power of the keys alone. I had to ignore all other possibilities of solutions to the problem. I had to look and act on what My Father told Me to do each time and ignore the circumstances around Me.*

***Through the "do it now" policy, I was allowing My Father's highest will to dictate My life.*** *There was no room to even consider any other course of action. Through the "do it now" policy, I was putting My faith into action, putting My Father on the spot, and claiming the power of the keys.*

***As I put this instruction into practice, My power was increased.*** *Through putting the Words My Father spoke to Me into action on the spot, I became more fully focused on the power of the keys I held. Because I was claiming His power, because I took action, this cancelled out room for Satan to try to come in with the things I now warn you of--carnal reasoning, threats of doubt, and the ways of the world.*

***Through taking action instantly I was slamming the door on the Devil's "it can't be done" threats,*** *on his "you can only go this far and no further" spiel, on his "what if it doesn't work?" line, and on his doubts. The carnal mind is the enemy of the power of the keys, and I was not giving My carnal mind room to work because I was putting faith into action immediately and instantly doing what I was told from Heaven. This was the focus I needed to be able to avail Myself of the full power of the keys.*

***(Jesus speaking:) One of the secrets to using the keys and receiving their power is hearing from Me about what My will is in that particular situation, and then claiming the power of the keys to fulfill My will.*** *The keys only perform My highest will; they will not perform the will of man when it is not Mine, no matter how desperately you plead or claim their power. So it behooves you to find out from Me first what My highest will is. Then you can, in full faith and confidence, claim their power to fulfill My will.*

***So when I tell you not to consider other possibilities, I mean for you to first hear from Me as to what My will is,*** *and that you should continue to hear from Me regarding what My will is, moment by moment. Then you can be confident in your focus and determination, knowing that you are in step with Me and that I will continue to lead you aright.*

***Unity is another key factor****. The keys will not sow disunity. They will not function or give their power to those who are not pulling together with others to accomplish the goal I have put before you. "Do it now" means instant obedience, but part of that obedience is continuing to work in counsel and unity, not going off independently, or you will wind up missing My highest and lacking the power of the keys.*

***Focusing on the power is a matter of simple childlike faith, and why I so often told those who followed Me that they had to be like children to go to Heaven.*** *It's a matter of believing and doing, of acting on what you know by faith to be true, and a matter of putting your faith into action. This is what focusing on the power is.*

***To focus on the power you must walk more in the spirit than in the flesh.*** *Remember, I was in the flesh as you are, and like you, I had to learn to rise above the flesh and walk more in the spirit than in the physical realm. I had to learn to walk above the things of the Earth and operate more in the realm of Heaven. This is what focusing on the power is all about; it's about living more in the Heavenly dimension. This is what you will need to do in these Last Days. You must learn to not be concerned about the opinions of men and what others will think, to not lean on carnal reasoning, but to live more in the spirit than in the things of this world. This is what My prophets of old had to learn--to walk more in the fear of God than in the fear of man--and so must you.*

*Being a doer of the Word must be your aim, your goal, and a central point in your life. If you are to focus on the power of the keys, if you are to allow the words I speak to you to* ***dictate*** *your life, you must rid yourselves of all that stands in the way of this. Detach yourselves from other things that clutter your life--the cares of the world, the pride of life, anything that opposes My Word.*

*Put your faith in My Word alone; ignore all other possibilities; put Me on the spot; obey My Word in every area of your lives; instant obedience to the things I tell you to do; burn your bridges to the things of the world; put your trust in Me alone; not only hearing but doing these things.*
***Do this, My loves, and you will discover the full power of the keys.*** *You need not ask, "But we are weak and weary men, how can we do these things?" All you have to do is call on the power of the keys! Focus on the power! Do it now! Today the keys rule! My Word rules! And the people who focus on the power of the keys will rule and reign with Me in the power and might of the Kingdom of God!*

*"Being an instant doer of My Word is directly linked with your ability to access the power of the keys. Living <u>all</u> the Words I speak to you is directly linked to the power you are able to access. When you live the Word, My power flows through you, and you, in a sense, become the living Word, as I was the living Word when I walked on Earth. When you call on the keys, <u>all</u> the power of My Word is at your command. If you are to focus on the power, you must look to the power of the <u>keys</u>; you must look to the power of the <u>Words</u> I speak to you; you must be instant <u>doers</u> of the Words I give you.*
*Nothing can stand against My Word! Nothing can stand against the keys to the Kingdom! Love is the greatest force; My Word is the greatest force; the power of the keys to the Kingdom is the greatest force in the world, in the heavens, in the universe! These three are one, just as My Father and I and the Holy Spirit are one--three separate beings with different attributes, and yet one in the spirit.*
*You, My loves, have the full set of the keys to the Kingdom in your hands, and to you I make available the <u>full</u> counsel of the Word of God. To you who love Me intimately and who give Me your all, I will hold back nothing. To you is given the full power, the full understanding of My Word. So if you are to focus on the power, you must live My Word to the full; you must be a doer of the things I tell you."*