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Hello to All who Follow this Ministry-

In the midst of changes of life to include our current Pandemic (virus) and now Pandemonium (crime, riots, civil disturbance), we can know the **Author of Peace** no matter what our outward circumstance may be. As we continue to live in 2020 during these prophetic Bible times, we must resolve to renounce any teaching or dogma, which is counter to the Written and Living Word of God. Jesus is the same Yesterday, Today, And Forever (Heb. 13:8). He is also the Head of the Church and the gates of Hell will not prevail (Matt. 16:18). This includes the **"colorless"** demonic spirits who continue to cause chaos and mayhem in this Country and around the World. We are reminded in Eph 6:12, these powerful words....

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. NKJV

Our remedy and defense against this attack and onslaught is noted in the same reference. The Word of God tells us we can stand against this warfare and unequivocally reminds us how we can be **Victorious in Christ** by.....

*13 Therefore take up the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints — Eph 6:13-18 NKJV*

This reminder is not a passive encouragement to hopefully "be aware of danger" but to **actively and militantly** engage to suit up with Gods armor, because **we are in war with evil spirits unseen**. This should not bring about worldly fear, for God's perfect love will cast out, dispel, and diminish all fear due to His Peace, which He gives to all who walk in obedience to His Will, and keep their minds and hearts centered on the powerful Word of God. This incredible Word tells and reminds us of perfect peace, which is attainable.

In Isaiah 26: 3-4, the Bible says: *3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! 4 Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock. NLT*

Concerning our mentioned Ephesians study text, and "armor of God", which includes deflecting "flaming arrows" - one Bible Scholar said "the image was taken from the Roman shield, a large oblong or oval piece, approximately four feet high by two feet wide, made of wood and leather, often with an iron frame. Sometimes the leather would be soaked in water to help extinguish flaming arrows. The ancient "flaming arrow" or "fire dart" was made of cane with a flammable head that was lighted and then shot so as to set fire to wooden shields, cloth tents, etc. For Christians, this shield is faith — complete reliance on God."

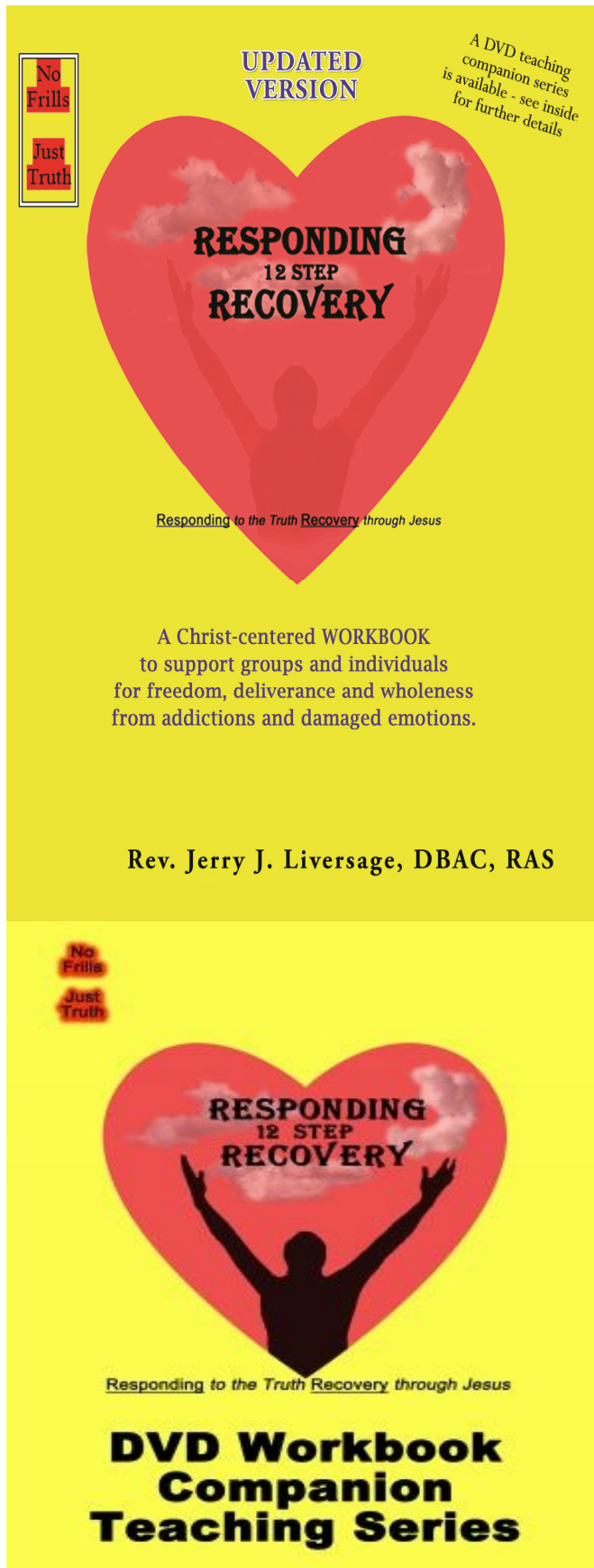
The above statement seems to describe Faith, which means total dependence on God and willingness to do His will. This goes beyond mere belief. In the book of James, we see this amazing statement....

18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. (James 2:18-23 NKJV).

So to conclude... we realize that **our warfare garments and Faith** is not something we put on for a show for others. It means believing in His promises even though we don't see those promises materializing yet. When the enemy hurls flaming arrows of temptation, doubt, wrath, lust, despair, vengeance, problems, and trials into our lives, we can hold up our shields and quench them. We are assured that "whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith" (1 John 5:4 NRSV). We must take hold of God's full resources. Faith gives us the strength to stand against Satan with firm courage, even when he uses his most fearsome weapons.

This brings us back to **Jesus**. He is not an answer, rather HE IS THE ANSWER!! This also reminds us that Jesus is the Author and Finisher of Faith (Heb.12:2). Is it not true, that all of life's questions can be resolved in the person of Jesus, even in the midst of conflict and disturbance? He is the Author of Peace and without Him, we are utterly lost! Don't be deceived by others with high lofty empty words. During these troubling times, take heed to the Word of God.....

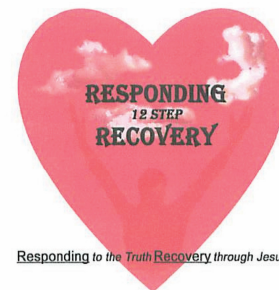
6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:6-7 NIV)



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