3rd Option for 6th Head Authority

One of my biggest challenges is discerning people's true motives when I am asked to come somewhere. The invitation to spend some time in a "retreat" usually means the family wants personal ministry. The request to come do some land work in a strategic city, often means there is a businessman who wants his particular office to be cleansed.

I was in one of those situations where the bait and switch had been particularly painful. I had flown far at my own expense to consult with a businessman over a "strategic initiative for the city," and when I arrived, things were not as they had been announced in the original dialog.

I was sitting alone that evening at a restaurant table in a noisy hotel, watching the snow fall, feeling sorry for myself over having been conned one more time. My passion to be life giving and my drive to advance the Kingdom all too often sets me up for some well-intentioned trips where I end up losing a lot while the other person wins.

In the midst of my pity party, God interrupted and asked me what was significant about that particular foreign city. I told him what I knew, and He answered that I was right. Then He pointed out that I had strong authority to do damage to the stronghold in that city.

So I used it.

This is our third option when we find ourselves in a humanly concocted win/lose scenario. While I could not change the businessman, his inappropriate way of handling things or recoup the time and money I had invested in the trip, I could use the authority I had in the city while I was there, to advance the Kingdom of God in some way.

Another time I was at a rodeo. The three drunk women in front of me were not making the world a better place. But I could and did silently minister to the spirit of the little boy who was feeling quite bereft that night.

Part of being a Noble Subject of the Great King is having a highly portable, diverse array of earned authority in the spiritual realm, and being able to use it to advance His Kingdom, whether it is comforting a child's spirit or attacking a city-wide stronghold.

And every time I concede a situation in the natural, and allow the win/lose to play out, but I fight back in the spiritual realm, either tearing down something demonic, or building up something the enemy has damaged, I am no longer losing.

The win/lose situations in the natural are a big problem. We don't want to be continually trapped in those situations where we lose. However, the solution for the problems in the natural realm lies in how we respond in the spiritual realm.

As we walk out our 100,000 wise choices in the spiritual realm, we will find that life's traps in the natural cease to relentlessly pursue us, and that God supernaturally makes a way for us when there is no way, when the occasional big blockage confronts us.

For now, do a thorough inventory of the earned authority you actually have (not everything you wish you had) and be prepared to use it in some way, somewhere, around the win/lose situation which regularly confronts you.

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