

THE HIGHER YOU GO, THE COOLER IT BECOMES

TEXT: ACTS 19:15

“I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?” ¹⁶ Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.”

Revelation 12:11 (msg)

They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb and the bold word of their testimony. They weren't in love with themselves; they were willing to die for Christ.

Galatians 6:17

From now on, don't let anyone trouble me with these things. For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus.

**Brethren, the higher we go, the cooler it becomes.
Christian who are high up are recognized by the spiritual world
and are avoided by them.**

**That is why the evil spirit would say “I know Jesus, and I know
Paul, but who are you?”**

If it were Jesus or Paul, the evil spirit would automatically be weakened and ready to be cast out but being the ¹⁴ Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, who were not high up, the evil spirit overpowered them.

Whether you are high or low, the battles are there. The difference is that when you are high, you do not fight many of the battles yourself:

- *Your testimony overcomes some. (Rev 12:11)*
- *The scars of Jesus on your body overcomes some. (Gal 6:17)*
- *The holy Spirit holds standards against some. (Isaiah 59:19)*
- *The Lord rebukes some. (Zach 3:2)*

Therefore, Christians who are higher up have the host of heavens fighting their battle BUT those who are lower down have to fight their wars themselves or lean on those who are higher up and that is tiring.

2 Corin 4:10 talks about the higher call:

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

In Philippians 3, Paul revealed the secret he uses to attain the higher height: 13Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have laid hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14**I press on toward the goal to win the prize of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus. **15**All of us who are mature should embrace this point of view. And if you think differently about some issue, God will reveal this to you as well.

Paul discovered early in his ministry what he captured in some of his letters, which determined his approach to the race:

Romans 8:28

“And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.

1 Corinthians 9:24

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way as to take the prize.

“Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity.” (**Hebrews 6:1**)

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory.

Conclusion

Let's go make every effort to get higher and deeper in the Lord. For the higher we go, the cooler it becomes.