

## 神的軍隊在動員, Part 3

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最近當我的一個朋友傳講著在末世預言會臨到世界的種種困難，有一些人抱怨信息『令人沮喪』，這些人只能聽關於快樂時光與祝福的話，我知道他們的想法若不改變，他們無法在要來的時候存留太久。這可以改變，但若不能正視，不久許多人將面對毀滅性的後果。

這並不是意謂著我們都應該談論著要來的困難時期，而是我們就算在最艱難的時期，都必須行在信心中，將其視為主榮耀與得勝的機會。正如我們常說的，真正的戰士不會臨陣脫逃，而會走向戰場。

聖經的真理證實成熟的領袖經歷水火、試煉，甚至錯誤與失敗卻忠心到底。你要一個從來沒有失敗過的人作你的領袖嗎？只要想一想史密斯船長被選為鐵達尼號的隊長是因為他在海上從來沒有意外。

倘若我們的領袖確實是不成熟或不義的，我們要有智慧不去為此責怪他們或其他人，而是檢視自己。什麼造成我們跟隨這樣的人？要回答此，我們先思想使徒保羅對哥林多人的訓示。

**你們既是精明人，就能甘心忍耐愚妄人。**

**假若有人強你們作奴僕，或侵吞你們，或擄掠你們，或侮慢你們，或打你們的臉，你們都能忍耐他（哥林多後書 11：19：20）。**

值得注意的是，許多基督徒仍被以掌控的靈來牧養的人吸引，多過以聖靈來牧養的人。屬肉體的人會跟隨屬肉體的權柄，拒絕真正的屬靈權柄，正如許多人受約制回應電視廣告的欺騙，許多基督徒更快回應欺騙勝於恩膏，並且真實相信欺騙即是恩膏。

倘若你認為我很負面，請試想一下有一些真理也很負面，一些最重要的真理有時也是負面的。我們若無法聽，我們就無法找著主的救恩。我們若不接受我們是罪人的負面真理，我們絕不會悔改我們的罪，轉向十字架。

施洗約翰必須傳講悔改的道來為主預備道路，聖靈即將臨到顯明我們的罪，以預備神下一步行動。倘若我們不願認我們的罪，繼續不成熟下去，我們將錯失神最偉大的行動。

軟弱、不成熟的基督徒容易被向他們說好話的牧者吸引，他們只說那些人想聽的話，而不說他們需要聽的話。在歷史上最偉大、為福音與神的國度成就最大的牧者與教師，就是那些為教會帶來許多認罪與悔改的人；最剛強的基督徒總是那些願意擁抱悔改信息的人。

在此時的西方教會，我們擁有一些力量，但我們也擁有一些明顯的軟弱，這些軟弱可以被修正。只有一個解答可以修正一切軟弱—就是十字架。

對所有邁向成熟的人而言，十字架將會再次成爲基督教的中心思想。那些沒有擁抱十架的人將很快失去信心；屬肉體、不成熟與不義的領袖將遠離十架信息，當中的一些人可能擁有最大型的教會與運動，但他們是瞎子帶領瞎子。若不悔改，他們全都會掉入壕溝裡。

神在這些時候正興起的軍隊是十架大軍，他們活出十架生命，每天背起十架，由此證明自己是主的門徒，正如祂所說的。聖經中有一卷致力於智慧的書—箴言一再告訴我們，智慧人喜愛修正並擁抱它，甚至將訓誨的責備看作生命的道。

一個充滿智慧與強大的軍隊將要動員，他們的數量一時可能會少過爲其他信息聚集的人，但當其他人全都不見時，他們將會堅定站立，高舉主的旌旗，拒絕在十架的仇敵面前撤退。他們不怕死，因爲他們已經向世界死，他們爲著福音的緣故活著行一切事。你是其中之一嗎？主正在呼召你。

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## 神的军队在动员, Part 3

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这并不是意味着我们都应该谈论着要来的困难时期，而是我们就算在最艰难的时期，都必须行在信心中，将其视为主荣耀与得胜的机会。正如我们常说的，真正的战士不会临阵脱逃，而会走向战场。

圣经的真理证实成熟的领袖经历水火、试炼，甚至错误与失败却忠心到底。你要一个从来没有失败过的人作你的领袖吗？只要想一想史密斯船长被选为铁达尼号的队长是因为他在海上从来没有意外。

倘若我们的领袖确实是不成熟或不义的，我们要有智慧不去为此责怪他们或其它人，而是检视自己。什么造成我们跟随这样的人？要回答此，我们先思想使徒保罗对哥林多人的训示。

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值得注意的是，许多基督徒仍被以掌控的灵来牧养的人吸引，多过以圣灵来牧养的人。属肉体的人会跟随属肉体的权柄，拒绝真正的属灵权柄，正如许多人受约制响应电视广告的欺骗，许多基督徒更快响应欺骗胜于恩膏，并且真实相信欺骗即是恩膏。

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对所有迈向成熟的人而言，十字架将会再次成为基督教的中心思想。那些没有拥抱十架的人将很快失去信心；属肉体、不成熟与不义的领袖将远离十架信息，当中的一些人可能拥有最大型的教会与运动，但他们是瞎子带领瞎子。若不悔改，他们全都会掉入壕沟里。

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## The Army of God Mobilizes, Part 3

In the Scriptures, two of the worst curses are to have arrogant, immature, or unrighteous leaders and prophets speak words to tickle the people's ears, or who only say what they think the people want to hear. The prophecies about the end of this age speak of a similar devotion of many. There are a number of things that separate the wheat from the tares at the end. There is a separation going on presently in the body of Christ where those who will only listen to what they want to hear are being given over to immature or unrighteous leaders.

When a friend of mine recently preached on the difficulties that are prophesied to come upon the world at the end of this age, some people complained because the message was "discouraging." These people could only hear about happy times and blessings, and I knew that without a profound change in their mentality they would not last long in the times to come. A large part of the Christians in the West are in this weak, vulnerable, delusional condition. This can change, but if it is not confronted very soon the consequences will be devastating for many people.

This is not to imply that all we should talk about are the hard times to come, but rather we must walk in faith through even the most difficult times, seeing an opportunity for the glory and victory of the Lord. As we have said often, true warriors do not run from the sound of battle, but to the sound of battle.

It is a truth that the Scriptures verify that mature leaders are those who have been through the fire, through the trials, and even mistakes and failures, and have remained faithful. Do you want someone who has never failed to be your leader? Well, just consider that Captain Smith was chosen to be the skipper of the Titanic because he had never had an accident at sea.

If our leaders prove to be immature or unrighteous, we would be wise not to condemn them or others for this, but look to ourselves. What caused us to follow such people? To possibly answer this, consider this rebuke from the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians:

**For you, being so wise, bear with the foolish gladly.**

**For you bear with anyone if he enslaves you, if he devours you, if he takes advantage of you, if he exalts himself, if he hits you in the face (II Corinthians 11:19-20).**

It is remarkable how many Christians still gravitate more toward those who minister in a

control spirit than to those who minister in the Holy Spirit. Carnal people will follow carnal authority and reject true spiritual authority. Just as many people are conditioned to respond to the hype of television advertisements, many Christians respond more quickly to hype than to the anointing, and actually believe that hype is the anointing.

Now if you think that I am being negative, please consider that some truth is negative, and some of the most important truth at times is negative. If we cannot hear it, we will not find the Lord's salvation. If we do not accept the negative truth that we are sinners, we will never repent of our sins and turn to the cross.

John the Baptist had to preach repentance to prepare the way for the Lord, and the Holy Spirit is about to come as the One who convicts us of our sins to prepare for the coming move of God. If we are not willing to be convicted of our sin or our irrational and continuing immaturity, we will miss the greatest move of God.

Weak, immature Christians gravitate to the preachers who tell them what they want to hear, not what they need to hear. The greatest preachers and teachers in history, who accomplished the most for the gospel and the kingdom of God, were those who brought much conviction and repentance to the church. The strongest Christians have always been those who embraced the message of repentance when it was needed.

We have some great strengths in the Western church at this time, but we also have some glaring weaknesses. The weaknesses can be corrected. There is one simple answer that will begin to correct them all—the cross.

The cross will become the central theme of Christianity again for all who go on to maturity. Those who do not embrace the cross will fall away from the faith very soon. Carnal, immature, and unrighteous leaders will draw them away. Some of these may have some of the biggest churches and movements, but they are the blind leading the blind, and they will all fall into the ditch if they do not repent.

The army that God is raising up in these times is the army of the cross. They will be those who live the cross, taking it up daily, and thereby prove themselves to be the Lord's true disciples, just as He said. Just as we are told over and over in the one book in the Bible devoted to wisdom, the Book of Proverbs, the wise love correction and embrace it, and even count reproofs for discipline as the path of life.

A very wise and very strong army is about to mobilize. For a time, their numbers may be much smaller than those gathering around other messages, but when all others fall away, they will be standing strong, holding to the banner of the Lord, and refusing to retreat before

the enemies of the cross. They will not be afraid to die because they will have already died to this world, and they live to do all things for the sake of His gospel. Are you one of these? He is calling you.