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We pray, we sacrifice, we fight. For souls!

Nothing is more important! Many believers have abandoned the battlefield for souls because secretly, they are in defeat.

In the Scriptures, the Church is called a body. If one member suffers, all suffer with it. When you hold and cover a hidden sin, you lose something before God. As thousands of believers are silenced this way, the Church can become powerless and unrecognizable. Who you are, what you do when no one sees you, will determine your future.

The words of Abraham to the king of Sodom, the place of fire and destruction, remind us of the reality and seriousness of this implacable war of the secret place. Listen to how Abraham responded to the temptation of the king of Sodom. It can revolutionize your life. He stood before his enemy and said, "I will touch nothing that is of you, not even a thread" (see Genesis 14:23).

I want to call you to a radical, liberating and powerful Christian lifestyle, where you discern the nature of spiritual warfare. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and spiritual wickedness in high places" (see Ephesians 6:12)

"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds" (2 Corinthians 10:4).

Many churches and believers today claim to be engaged in "spiritual warfare." Multitudes of believers are "binding spirits," identifying strongholds, naming or identifying demonic principalities in a bizarre and mystical mix of noise and bold proclamations of victory. Self-proclaimed "generals" are giving orders and latest "cutting edge" strategies and revelations for guaranteed revival to the throngs of new experts while everybody is rapturously singing and shouting how scared Satan is of them!

Dear reader, allow me a few questions. Where are the souls saved, their lives changed, delivered, purified and transformed? Measurable growth and increase, water baptisms, true prayer and unity? Where are the wisdom, the amazing grace and the fruit of the Spirit shining forth brilliantly in the lives of believers filled with God? Where are the works of mercy and generosity, sacrificial giving to missions, compassion in action for the poor, the Christian commitment where we don't count our hours and we don't seek or need any recognition? Where is the victory, the divine protection over the work of the enemy and of flesh?