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Overcoming the Political Spirit

Now here is the thing: there are two types of people that don't enter, there are those that are against and there are those that are for. The ones that are for are the most dangerous, we really need to understand this. The ones that are for these things, but do not enter are most dangerous.

When I was in Lakeland (and I wrote an article about this), what I saw was that Todd was opening a door. It's like people being out in the hot, hot air, and they walk by an air-conditioned pharmacy and suddenly someone opens the door. And they feel that gust of light air, that air-conditioned "whooh", and "yeah, oh, yeah, yeah, hallelujah", but they don't go in.

Most of the Body, that's where we are. We celebrate this but we don't actually go in ourselves. And what happens is that when the enemy starts to raise up people that are against, they camp around the outside and they engage those that are for. And what happens is the enemy starts to politicize this thing and creates division between two groups of people, neither of which are going in.

The ones that have really gone in don't have time. They function in a different mindset. They function in the spirit where they know "this is for them that are against! I'm not against them!"

So please, do not be one of the flag wavers for this thing, and park your wagon out front and say "I'm going to be the defender of this thing", yet never go in. Because you will get engaged in this political battle that will actually harm and close this gate.

Father I pray, in Jesus name that we would not be found in that number. That we would actually go in. And Father, give us eyes as leaders even to discern those that sing out praises, and stand at the gate and actually increase warfare against us, by polarizing the situation even though they are for us. Father, deliver us from such ones I pray. In Jesus' name.

You know one of the things that Jesus did, was that he had the courage to face down his own people. That is an aspect of leadership that is missing today. You know we are so needy of endorsement of those that are for us, when we hear people that are for us actually engaging in that level of warfare, we don't correct them because they are for us.

We had a situation like this when I first moved to the city where I am. And one of my leaders, we were sitting one day and we were talking about some of the dynamics and he was asking, "How are things going". I said "Its going really well, I'm really happy, I've been meeting with

these people that are against me, going out for lunch with them” and then I said, “frankly the person I’m most concerned about is you.”

He said “What, what do you mean?”

I said, “you don’t love my enemies, and that means that you are going to become one.”

You see, I’m not against them. They may be against me, but I’m not against them. Jesus said this, “because you build up the tombs of the prophets, you demonstrate that you are the children of those that killed them. Same sprit, same thing. For/ against. Same spirit.

You see the Church misses again and again the opening of the gate. They celebrate the opening and camp around the wrong thing.

Father I pray, you’d bring a generation that understands what it is you are doing in the earth, what it is you are doing in the kingdom of God. Father we pray Lord, that we would not be anyone that would add fuel to the fire of controversy and division. Lord that we would not give out any of our energy to this political spirit that seeks to camp against the gate of heaven.

Father I pray in Jesus name for an awareness of the dynamics of this warfare, that you have equipped us to win, if we will have ears to hear.