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*Conquerors are not those who fight and win all the time. Over-comers are not those who had only overcome; it takes time to heap up but in no time anything you heap up can be scattered.(Brought Down) What is the strength of a strong man before the rock, what does the strength of an over-comer worth before fire or what can a conqueror do to overcome flood; that means no matter how strong you are spiritually and physically, there are issues you can't handle. You have to appreciate the fact that solution providers are always envied of the world around them. In order for everyone to know when to operate and when not to operate, when to show and when not to show, when to speak and when to keep silence, when to move or not move this edition of Voices From Zion Titled: **WITHDRAW YOURSELF***

Jesus the miracle worker had to change his location in Matthew 12:15 which says ***But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;***

Otherwise the evil plan of the council would have come to pass and might have been killed before getting to the cross. So many believers die before their time nowadays. Many Prophet, Apostles, and Pastors lost their life as if God is asleep. Great gospel singers got hook up in relationship that spell the end of their career and so many Christian have entered into situation of no going back. Why? You may ask? from the light of scripture it shouldn't be. Looking at the life of Jesus, we saw that he possess some attributes for all Christian.

1. Sharp Spirit: Pro 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Jesus could sense and pick what is going 'on' in his environment. How do you relate with people and your environment?

Some people are so dull spiritually that till they eat poison and drink urine they won't know. You should know that there are people that hated you as you are leading them. Most people that comes with new discoveries; History records that most of them died by the hands of men. Any leadership position you occupied calls for serious caution. Jesus brought salvation but he caution himself and was much disciplined to accomplish his mission on earth. Not all mouth that praise you does it with pure heart, not all faces that smiles with you are happy with you. Not all hands that shake you are good hands. God had calls you, empower you to deliver your assignment, he brought you into stardom but don't allow the evil one to cut short your destiny. Some good teachers are not careful enough; not knowing that their profession can be truncated by some of their students. Some medical practitioner had lost their dignity and got their certificate stained (or withdrawn) as they are not careful enough. Pilot that is dancing while flying plane in the air is heading for a crash. Driver that is sleeping while driving on the highway may not arrive his destination. A pastor that is captivated by fine girls in the Church may not be accomplished in ministry. Anyone that believes in eating anything may end his life anyhow.

All we are saying is that; let your spirit man come alive. God can't relate with you except by his spirit **John 4:24**. Do not allow flesh to take over otherwise you will be hands down till you are cut off Romans 8:13 says **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live**. Until you start hearing God speaks to you, your Sonship is under question God's word in Romans 8:14 says **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God**.

The flesh had taken over some Christians that when a prophet or other brethren warns them by the spirit of God they won't listen. It doesn't take time to be somebody in life if one can heed divine instructions; the scripture in Proverb 3:6-8 says **In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. *Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. *It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones**. It's also spotted in Proverb 4:26 that **Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established**. Your dead (or dull) spirit will come back alive today in Jesus name.

2. Never Proved Stubborn: Jesus is the resurrection and life, he has power to kill and to make alive, he spoke against the fig tree in Matthew 21:19 which says **And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away**. Jesus speaks face to face with heavenly bodies (on mount of transfiguration Matthew 17:1-4) more so he was sent from heaven, he exist before he was born. Yet in Matthew 12:15 he has to withdrew himself in some situation.

The moment you see what you have as the best and higher than any other one else, you are doomed. Jesus has power to command yet he withdraw himself. In Isaiah 48:18 **O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:** Consequences of disobedience may be lifetime. Act 21:10-14 has this record that **And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. *And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. *And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. *Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. *And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.**

Paul suffered for being wrongly zealous. Acts 21:27-28 **And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him, *Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.**

Apostle Paul suffered, buffeted and mocked because he never listen to another prophet 1 Corinthians 14:32 **And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.** Jesus is not looking for someone to die for the course of the gospel, he has offered his life for all to live free no matter how passionate and zealous for God you are, please do it as instructed. Most people are moved by the miracles God did through them, hey! Caution! God can works through anything. Till Jesus will return some sons of perdition will continue to reject the gospel. You can't suffer or die for God, he doesn't need it, haven't you read 3John:2 **Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.** Though he said In the world ye shall have tribulation: but he never said that 'it will spelt our end. Stephen released his spirit that's why he died Act 7:59. Our spiritual stubbornness and over zealousness are the reason for most of our unsettled life. Let Jesus works through you.

3. Continuity: Do not allow whatever might have happened to you in your walk with God to stop you from walking with God. Do not allow your negative experiences to tamper with your faith in God. Do not allow whatever the evil ones are doing to stop your assignment. The fact is in your continuity is your greatness and security. When Jesus moved then he continues his healing ministry. They might have pursue you to a place, continue! When you stop then the devils had won. Do not allow the enemies to rejoice over you the word of God in Romans 8:37 says **Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Amen!** Attacks, persecution and tribulation are normal to Christian life. No glory without a story to tell.

Listen, don't stop that profession because of complains and fear, your future is in it. God had kept you alive so that you can continue. Isaac continued Genesis 26:22 Paul continues as recorded in Philippians 1:25-26 where he says; **And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.** Jesus is still working wonders today, still saving life today Hebrew 13:8 **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.** Count yourself blessed, haven't heard all these, many are underneath the earth, which they would have wish if possible re-live their life again.

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