The Good Soldier Sun Am 3/30/25

Matthew 14:1-21 NKJV

14 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus 2and said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.”

3For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put *him* in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife. 4Because John had said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”

5And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.6But when Herod’s birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.

7Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.8So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, “Give me John the Baptist’s head here on a platter.”

9And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded *it* to be given to *her.*

10So he sent and had John beheaded in prison. 11And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought *it* to her mother. 12Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.13When Jesus heard *it,* He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

14And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

15When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.”

16But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

17And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

18He said, “Bring them here to Me.”

19Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

20So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

21Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

# Ephesians 6:10-20 NKJV

# 10Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

# 11Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

# 12For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.*

# 13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

# 14Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

# 15and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

# 16above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

# 17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

# 18praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

# 19and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

# 20for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

# 2 Corinthians 10:3 NKJV

# 3For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

# *The good soldier is a man of faith. We wrestle not with flesh and blood.*

# Matthew 5:38-44 NKJV

# 38“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’

# 39But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

# 40If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have *your* cloak also.

# 41And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

# 42Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

# 43“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

# 44But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

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# *Our warfare is never with what we see or feel.*

# *Flesh = what we see, blood= the souls, the mind, strongholds of thoughts and reason. Will=control which can only be changed with the Word. Emotions= strongholds of religions and fears. The weapons of our warfare are mighty through God.*

# 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 NKJV

# 3For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

# 4For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

# 5casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

# 6and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

# *The weapons of prayer (not worry).*

# Ephesians 6:18 NKJV

# 18praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

# *Used for others.*

# *Weapons of inner strength.*

# Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV

# 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering,kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

# 23gentleness,self-control. Against such there is no law.

# *Used for ourselves. We never look for victory from the outward world, we look inside ourselves. We start with victory by having faith in our weapons. Repent, get it over with and go. The weapons will work! Let the Word fight its own fight. Prayer moves darkness.*