

## CONFRONTING ISSUES AS CHILDREN OF GOD

Eph. 6:12

<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” <sup>12</sup> ***Porque no tenemos lucha contra sangre y carne, sino contra principados, contra potestades, contra los gobernadores de las tinieblas de este siglo, contra huestes espirituales de maldad en las regiones celestes***

**INTRO:** Many of us have the personality in not being confrontational. We try to avoid those issues that will bring individuals to disagree with us. As Children of God, this topic is really interesting because by being quiet or not taking sides we tend to believe that we are doing what is right as a Child of God but in reality, we are at fault because the Bible clearly states: <sup>17</sup> Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin / <sup>17</sup> y al que sabe hacer lo bueno, y no lo hace, le es pecado.” James 4:17 This sermon could take us through many roads and probably hours but I just want to touch something that the Holy Spirit has impressed In my heart.

Whether we want to acknowledge it or not, we are in a spiritual warfare. What is happening around us is not by coincidence or by chance. The pandemic, moral decay, political chaos, natural disasters, all these things are happening because we are in the final countdown. The Jewish calendar to all other religions share the same thing: We are in the last part of the calendar! The Bible states: <sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.” <sup>12</sup> Por lo cual alegraos, cielos, y los que moráis en ellos. ¡Ay de los moradores de la tierra y del mar! porque el diablo ha descendido a vosotros con gran ira, sabiendo que tiene poco tiempo”. Whether you want to believe it or not, there is a devil, and he knows that he doesn’t has too much time.

### I. IF GOD HAS FORGIVEN YOU, FORGIVE YOURSELF

#### 1. ***Sin is sin, whatever you have committed, God has forgiven!***

- 1) 1 Jn. 1:9 <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. / <sup>9</sup> Si confesamos nuestros pecados, él es fiel y justo para perdonar nuestros pecados, y limpiarnos de toda maldad”
2. ***Abortion, Immorality, murder, etc. Nothing is greater than His compassion!***
  - 1) Micah 7:19 <sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. / <sup>19</sup> El volverá a tener misericordia de nosotros; sepultará nuestras iniquidades, y echará en lo profundo del mar todos nuestros pecados.”

### II. FORGIVE OTHERS

#### 1. ***If God was willing to forgive you, why can't you forgive***

- 1) Mat. 6:14-15 <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. / <sup>14</sup> Porque si perdonáis a los hombres sus ofensas, os perdonará también a vosotros vuestro Padre celestial; <sup>15</sup> mas si no perdonáis a los hombres sus ofensas, tampoco vuestro Padre os perdonará vuestras ofensas”

#### 2. ***Excuses***

- 1) He/She started it
- 2) I've tried but.....
- 3) They have to make the first move
- 4) Mat. 5:23 <sup>23</sup> “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. / <sup>23</sup> Por tanto, si traes tu ofrenda al

altar, y allí te acuerdas de que tu hermano tiene algo contra ti, <sup>24</sup> deja allí tu ofrenda delante del altar, y anda, reconcílate primero con tu hermano, y entonces ven y presenta tu ofrenda.”

**III. LIVE IN PEACE AND HOLINESS - Heb. 12:14 <sup>“14</sup> *Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.* / <sup>“14</sup> *Seguid la paz con todos, y la santidad, sin la cual nadie verá al Señor*”**

**1. Peace**

1) Peace with God

(1) Rom 5:1 <sup>“1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” / <sup>“1</sup> Justificados, pues, por la fe, tenemos paz para con Dios por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo”

2) Peace with Men

(1) Rom. 12:18 <sup>“18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” <sup>“18</sup> Si es posible, en cuanto dependa de vosotros, estad en paz con todos los hombres”

3) We cannot live in peace if we are in midst of:

(1) Murmuring

(2) Division

(3) Fractions

(4) Fighting, etc.

(5) Family issues that we still have

**2. Holiness – Separate for God and separated from the world**

1) We cannot love God and the world at the same time

**IV. WE CANNOT CONVERT TO THE WORLD - Rom. 12:2 <sup>“2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will” <sup>“2</sup> No os conforméis a este siglo, sino transformaos por medio de la renovación de vuestro entendimiento, para que comprobéis cuál sea la buena voluntad de Dios, agradable y perfecta”**

**1. We cannot compromise our values with the world**

**2. We cannot put aside our Biblical principles when it comes to our lifestyle**

**3. We are committed in our loyalty to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

**CONCLUSION: There are many issues in our lives that we have to face and understand that the Word of God will be there to light our path and guide us as we confront them to bring honor to His name!**

