

I didn't know either one of the people murdered recently personally, yet it affected me, and more than just emotionally. Probably because they weren't just physical attacks on innocent people - they were senseless, brutal, incomprehensible demonic assignments and assaults on human lives and our freedoms, and it was spiritual! I watched the lack of empathy and compassion. I have seen the celebration, ridicule and justification of murder. The Bible warns, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20) God tells us, "Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:17,19, 21) I believe this only applies to enemies of the flesh. However, "We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12)

We have an unseen enemy that is wreaking havoc in our lives, our families, and our nation. There is nothing shy, gentle, calm or tender about our enemy. He doesn't play fair. He's a cheater, a liar and a thief, and he isn't hiding in the shadows anymore. "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12) We have the authority to wage war against him, and I believe it is time for retaliation! Not physical retaliation with physical violence against another person or group, but a violent overthrowing of the enemy's reign and rule. "We do not war according to the flesh. (2 Corinthians 10:3)

If someone broke into your house, you have the right to defend yourself. If the person is killed, in most cases it's considered self-defense. Ever heard the saying, "The best defense is a good offense?" Well, we better take proactive, aggressive actions against our enemy. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds." (2 Corinthians 10:4) One of the greatest weapons we have is prayer. It is a mighty weapon, and it's time we use it like our lives depend on it, because they do! There is power and strength when we set ourselves in agreement with God, His Word and our fellow believers. "How could one have chased a thousand, and two have put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had given them up?" (Deuteronomy 32:30) We have the promises that, "No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed," and "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:17-19) Let's start a violent uprising and send the enemy scattering! Pick up your sword and fight! The time is now!

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