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One of the descriptions of the war from 1914 to 1918 was that it was a “Battle of the Trenches,” but being in the trenches had never been the plan. It was to be mobile and fast but instead it became bogged down in a stationary bloody war of attrition. Masses of men and material were thrown into battle achieving a mere few yards of enemy territory only to be faced with equally devastating counter attacks from an enemy trying to hold their position.

Christians are also participants involved in a war but unlike the earthly battle ours is a “War in the Heavens.” Life is not all prosperity and blessing because we face an adversary who is determined to spoil all the good. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul outlines not only the structure of enemy forces but also God’s provision of battle gear of armour and weapons. He tells us that we must stand to the end, whatever and whenever that end is. This is the Christian version of the “Stand your ground” legislation adopted by some states in the U.S.

The more determined we are to see the Kingdom of God established in our lives and churches the more determined the enemy is in counter-attacking our initiative. This is a “War in the Trenches” and every inch of ground we take for God we face opposition from our adversary.

Some of us have been taking part in the “Move of God” weekly prayer meeting with a view to achieve our goal of seeing more of the Kingdom of God ruling in both our lives and our church. There have been various results; some have made great gains, others smaller, but all seem to have moved out from their trenches engaging and defeating the enemy.

The challenge now is to retain the victories and the ground we have taken. Some have experienced serious counter attacks as Satan tries to repossess his control. We know, we have been assured of our ultimate victory, but that does not deter our foe. *Every success we achieve in God will be tested and challenged by the accuser.*

The question I now ask myself is, “Have I allowed the passion to see the Kingdom of God come more fully in my life and the church to falter or grow cold?” We had a prophetic word in our last “Move of God” prayer meeting where God encouraged us not to be discouraged but to persevere for He is with us.

Shalom.

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