



Fire causes smoke. Revivals cause controversy. (Mt 1:18-19)

When you're feeding on drama, you're feeding a raven and starving a dove.

There were two birds in the ark: a raven and a dove.

- Dove is clean; raven is unclean
- Dove is gentle; raven is a bird of prey
- Dove dwells amid life; raven dwells in rot and decay
- Dove is faithful; raven is selfish
- Dove feeds on greenery; raven feeds on carcasses

*And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day is a day of trouble and rebuke and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth Isaiah 37:3*

The enemy of Hezekiah:

- Criticized his alliances (Isa 36:6)
- Questioned his devotions (Isa 36:7)
- Gave him a way of escape (Isa 36:8-9)
- Claimed to be used by God (Isa 36:10)
- Used others that have fallen as a point (Isa 36:18-20)

1. When insults are personal, take it to prayer. (Isa 37:1-4, 14)

The opportunity to pray is lost if you spend your time-fighting people.

1. **Hold your peace by not keeping your mouth shut. (Isa 36:21)**

Drama drains your peace.

If the enemy can't destroy you, he will drain you.

When you are focused on drama, you'll leak the Holy Spirit.

The less you're filled with the Holy Spirit, the less you focus on spiritual things.

When you focus less on spiritual things, it's a sign that you're leaking.

"Be filled with the Holy Spirit" It's a command and a continuous action. (Eph 5:18)

When you fix your focus, you will live a filled life. (Acts 7:55-56).

If you want to be on fire, protect your focus.

1. **Protect your "pregnancy" by not getting engaged in drama that doesn't have a reward. (Isa 37:3)**

Don't be so busy battling that you don't birth anything.

*His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. Revelation 12:4*

*Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. Revelation 12:6*



Protect your anointing by not engaging in battles that have no reward.

*Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" 1 Samuel 17:26*

When you don't fight giants, you will end up fighting brothers.

We are anointed to win souls, not arguments.

*Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones did. 1 Samuel 17:30*

Walking away doesn't make you weak, it makes you ready for real war.

*He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. Isaiah 53:7*

*So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?" Nehemiah 6:3*