YOU ARE A PRINCESS!

What is the first thought that comes to mind when you hear that statement? Are you as confident as the queen in the Snow White movie that looks in the mirror and says, "Mirror, Mirror on the wall who's the fairest of them all?" Do you square your shoulders and stand a little taller? Or, have the pressures of life gotten to you? Do you cringe thinking, “this statement could never be true of me? I’m certainly not princess quality.”

God wants you to know you are a daughter of the most High, a holy princess, a woman with strengths and abilities to be used in the kingdom.

We live in a world where women are pressed to measure up to unfitting standards that are being set by a liberal society. Christian women are not immune to these demands. The world shows us what clothes are the most stylish, what hairstyles are the trendiest, and what our bodies are supposed to look like. Sometimes the pressure is so great the only way to cope is to make believe we are someone we’re not.

I. WE MUST REMOVE THE MASK

So many women have suffered through the years with insecurities and betrayal. Because of this, they’ve fallen into the trap of pretending to be someone they were never created or called to be. It’s as though they are hiding behind a mask.

Without a true understanding of who we are, as daughters of the King, the faces we present to the world may not be who we really are underneath.

If we are to be the princess warriors that we were meant to be, we have to remove the masks. It is only then that we will be equipped to help other women remove the masks that they are hiding behind.

II. WHO IS A PRINCESS WARRIOR?

- Every woman who is passionately in love with Jesus is a Priceless Princess and a Worthy Warrior.
- A Princess Warrior is fully armed and ready for battle.
- A Princess Warrior knows who she is in Christ Jesus.
- A Princess Warrior desires to serve rather than be served.
- A Princess Warrior is not defined by her job, her talents, her appearance, or what others think of her.
- A Princess Warrior is adorned in a robe of righteousness as the Daughter of the King of Kings.
- A Princess Warrior refuses to be banished to the dungeon.
- A Princess Warrior understands that nothing can separate her from the love of God found in Christ Jesus.
III. PREPARATION FOR PRINCESS WARRIOR STATUS

The King continues to seek imperfect women for His royal court. Esther is a wonderful example of a Princess Warrior.

Before she was chosen as the Queen of Persia, I’m sure she didn't feel like the most beautiful woman in the land. She had already experienced a lot during her very young life.

- She had lost her parents at a very early age
- She was considered an orphan and had been reared by her older cousin Mordecai
- She had no material legacy
- She was living in exile in a foreign land
- She had no formal education

But in God's providence, Esther was thrust into the royal court of Persia. How did Esther become the king’s bride? First, she surrendered her former life. For her, this meant giving up life as a Jewish maiden.

Before the king ever laid eyes on her, Esther had to go through a twelve-month purification process. During the first six months of Esther’s preparation to become queen, she soaked with oil of myrrh. Myrrh both removes impurities and softens the skin. Treatment with myrrh represents repentance, dying to self, and the sweetness of losing our lives and finding them. Myrrh removed the smell of flesh from Esther.

During the second six months of preparation, Esther soaked with sweet odors. This process helped to rid Esther of all impurities and imperfections. This treatment represents praise and worship, becoming a sweet aroma unto the Lord, bowing before Him, and focusing on Him. Esther did not just undergo a few makeup sessions or dab on some perfume. The treatment was constant and prolonged. Esther spent so much time soaking in the oils and became so physically saturated with sweet spices that the aromatic fragrances began to literally seep out of her skin; she was symbolically saturated with worship. Her preparation won the king's favor, and she became his bride. It was during the purification process that Esther came to know herself.

IV. ABANDONING OURSELVES

There is always a purification process from one stage of our lives to the next. God purifies us through His word, trials, and tests. He wants to see if we are ready to stand the process. It is during this process that we ask the question, “What am I really here for?”
The enemy wants to stop you from fulfilling your destiny. He doesn't want you to realize your full potential or the gifts and talents that God has placed inside you. Because he knows if you find out he won't be able to stop you.

I'm sure there are times in all of our lives that we say, “Hey, God, today I'm really ready to get to the next phase of my life. You know; the one where I feel like a princess and everything is wonderful?” Unfortunately, it never turns out quite like what we had in mind. But, after we have gone through the process, after we've prepared to meet Him, and after we seek only to please Him, we enter His presence. When we abandon ourselves to loving Him, we will have the King's favor and His ear, and we will ask for what we will and it shall be done for us.

The plans that God has for our lives take much preparation. This preparation time seems never easy because we're always in a hurry trying to get to the end result. Each one of us must go through a myrrh anointing. This is not something that we readily embrace. It is the season in life that is sometimes bitter and painful. Many of us would like to bypass this season. But God is as concerned with how we go through the process as He is with the product at the end. God desires, and requires, us to go through His refining and preparation time that we may be well equipped, enabled, and capable of fulfilling the task and the purposes for which we were created. It is the very thing that lays the foundation for the time when God displays us as His beautiful princess.

Then comes the sweet aroma time where we worship and praise our King. Scripture tells us that our praises are a sweet aroma in the nostrils of our God. As we worship, we are transformed by the presence of the King. He inhabits our praises. This preparation time empowers us to go forward and fulfill His will and our destiny.

V. CONCLUSION

Princess Warrior, God is calling you to the throne room. He is inviting you to come into His presence so He can love you, heal you, and prepare you for the work He has created for you. Your King desires to teach you who you really are in Christ as you pick up your Sword, the Word of God, and read it, believe it, and be transformed by it! So, rise up, daughters of the King, God is calling you to battle! He wants you to move forward and recognize the incredible woman you are and become who He created you to be. The enemy would love nothing more than to convince you that the preparation time is too long and you're not princess material, but it's not true. God already sees the princess inside of you and you’ve come to the kingdom for such a time as this!

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