

The Enemy At The Table

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We are living in a time when, if ever, there is a need for integrity in the Body of Christ, especially among the sisters. Often times, we become so discouraged and distracted too quick, and want to throw in the towel, because those whom we thought were with us are really not for us. Their actions, their demeanor, their words all indicate that they are not with us. We feel as though the vision cannot happen; or the work cannot go on because those whom we deem as "the key players" have not really entered into commitment wholeheartedly. They are apprehensive; they are not loyal; they are not supportive... So what does one do when you are on assignment and those who are supposed to have your back; the ones who are supposed to lift you up; the ones who promised that they would see the vision through; they who are closest to you are working underhandedly against you; the 'inner' circle if you will?

Jesus gives us a lesson in John Chapter 13, verses 1-5 on how to deal with "**The Enemy at the Table.**" He teaches us a valuable lesson on what to do when God has given you revelation; He teaches us what to do once discernment of our surroundings has kicked in; He teaches us how to stay focused on the ministry that God has placed in our hands rather than the opposition. You now know that the one who is smiling in your face; who appears to be the most sincere is really not for you. The blessing is that God makes us aware, not so we can retaliate, but so we will know how to operate.

The Word of God tells us that the devil had already entered Judas and prompted him to betray Jesus... Judas was getting his prompting from satan and it did not matter that he had become the conduit through whom satan would use because satan was on a mission to stop Jesus from fulfilling His purpose. So satan pulled out his trump card for this one. This was the big one and he did not want this foiled. This action would no doubt take Jesus down for good. satan would not use any of his cohorts for this one... he would enter Judas himself. However, Jesus was not concerned about that... **For Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power;** In other words, all power and authority had been placed in Jesus' hands.

And that is what God is saying to you this day.... No matter where the enemy is; or how close the enemy may be ... though the enemy may be at the table and in the one who is looking in your face... God has placed all power.....all authority in your hands.... The enemy is working through whomever to stop you from fulfilling your purpose and stepping into your destiny... God says...But you have the power; you have the authority...you have been positioned...

The text says that Jesus knew who He belonged to... In other words, He knew His past and He knew His future....He knew from whence He had come... He knew, Praise God, where He was going after the **Benediction on Calvary** ("It is Finished; Into Thy Hands I commit my spirit") would be given.... So He got up from the table, and wrapped a towel around His waist and began to wash the disciples' feet... even Judas'.

God says... What about you today? You know who you belong to... you know where you came from... you know where you are going.... So instead of throwing in the towel, get up from your position of power and authority; wrap yourself up in the towel of servanthood, humble yourself and wash your sisters with the Word of God... even the "enemy at the table..."

Wash them with Encouragement...

Wash them with Hope...

Wash them with Love...

Wash them with Selflessness....

Wash them with Forgiveness...

Wash them with Healing...

Your assignment is bigger than WHERE YOU ARE.... So don't let '**the enemy at the table**' distract you from your purpose The call upon you will and has already turned lives around; To whom much is given, much is required....

