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## CHAPTER THREE

### Hold Your Peace – Let God Fight for You

Isaiah 36:21 | Isaiah 30:15 | John 8:6

Every man reaches that sacred intersection—where pressure collides with purpose. The enemy taunts, life crowds in, responsibilities scream, and your flesh itches to retaliate. But in the Kingdom of God, the greatest victories often begin in silence. Not the silence of fear, but the silence of faith.

*“But the people held their peace and answered him not a word: for the king’s commandment was, saying, Answer him not.”* (Isaiah 36:21)

This was not passive silence. It was disciplined obedience. Stillness under instruction. Silence wrapped in the authority of alignment. The King had spoken—and that was enough.

In the heat of battle, your reaction can either reinforce your spiritual rank or reveal your emotional instability.

#### When Silence Is a Strategy

In today’s culture, silence is misunderstood. The world says, “Speak up or be weak.” But Heaven sometimes says, *“Be still and know.”* (Psalm 46:10)

Silence, when inspired by the Spirit, is a divine strategy. It declares:

“I refuse to negotiate with demons. I won’t validate the lie. I won’t descend into the noise. I’ll rise in trust.”

*“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.”* (Isaiah 30:15)

This is not the absence of war; it is the posture of trust. Silence is how the mature man holds his spiritual ground. As Kenneth Hagin taught, “Faith rests.” Stillness is a force field that shields your emotions and grants heaven permission to fight on your behalf.

Jesus modeled this power in John 8:6. Accused and baited into argument, He stooped and wrote in the dust. He didn’t flinch, didn’t defend. He chose divine timing over human panic.

That was not weakness. That was kingship under pressure.

#### The Weight of Obedient Stillness

Stillness is not inactivity. It’s governing yourself from within. It’s what Myles Munroe called “kingdom character under pressure.” It’s listening before speaking. It’s pausing before engaging.

This is where many men break. Not because they're cowards—but because they confuse movement with progress and noise with dominion. They lash out prematurely. But divine maturity is measured not by volume, but by vision.

The question isn't, *Can you fight?* The question is, *Can you wait while God fights?*

*"The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."* (Exodus 14:14)

Men of God, your strength is proven not by how loud you shout, but how securely you rest in the Word.

### When the Enemy Wants a Reaction

The enemy knows that if he can provoke you, he can derail you. Satan doesn't need to overpower a man who's willing to overreact. He just needs to trigger you into stepping out of divine alignment.

This is why Apostle Paul admonishes:

*"Be not ignorant of Satan's devices."* (2 Corinthians 2:11)

The enemy's devices are designed to pull you out of posture—through offense, false accusations, fear, and pressure. But when you refuse to respond from the flesh, you remain in the Spirit. And the Spirit never loses.

He fears the man who listens before he lashes. He fears the one who answers only to Heaven's voice. He fears the man who has been trained to use silence like a sword.

### Hezekiah's Wall: A Lesson in Restraint

Rabshakeh came with volume, threats, and venom. But the men on Hezekiah's wall stood firm. They didn't answer him a word—because the King had already spoken.

What a lesson.

When your King has spoken, you don't need to defend His decree. You don't need to explain divine counsel to carnal critics. You don't need to justify what the Spirit has already affirmed.

As Apostle Goodheart often says, "When God speaks, rest. When the enemy shouts, ignore. When destiny calls, obey."

### What Silence Protects

Your peace — don't let external noise fracture your internal stability.

Your focus — don't let distraction become your direction.

Your authority — words spoken in haste can dismantle what was built in faith.

*"He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding is of a calm spirit."* (Proverbs 17:27)

Don't let your mouth take you where your spirit has not been assigned. Hold your peace and hold your position.

### From Noise to Prayer

When the men held their peace, Hezekiah didn't go live on Instagram. He went into the secret place. He didn't clap back; he bowed low. He took Rabshakeh's threats and laid them before the Lord. (Isaiah 37:14)

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."* (Philippians 4:6)

The enemy wants to push you into panic. But God draws you into peace. The choice is yours.

### The Real Battle Is Within

The Assyrian army wasn't just trying to break through Jerusalem's walls—they were trying to break down the people's confidence. That's still Satan's primary strategy.

As Bishop David Oyedepo teaches, "Until your faith fails, you haven't failed."

*"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he."* (Proverbs 23:7)

Your mind is the real battlefield. If he can corrupt your inner dialogue, he can collapse your outer strength.

But you're not just a man—you are a man of God. A soldier in God's army. A custodian of truth. A carrier of covenant.

### The Final Charge

Discern the devil's whispers before they become your confessions. Know when the attack is sent to provoke—not destroy. Silence is not surrender; it's strategy.

*"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds."* (2 Corinthians 10:4)

So don't react. Respond—in the Spirit. Don't shout. Stand. Don't panic. Pray.

Just as Jesus overcame Satan on the Mount with three words—*It is written*—so must you.

Let the Word be your reply. Let faith be your shield. Let silence be your stand.

The enemy's noise will pass. But God's Word will not fail.

Hold your peace. Let God fight for you.