

# *Come Up Higher*

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~ to the overcomers,  
God's tried and tested  
Warrior saints,  
who have endured steadfastly  
as those who have gazed  
on Him Who is invisible.  
(Heb 11:27 AMP)

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After ministering at the Endtime Fire Conference in early September 2019, I was blessed with a few days at a very special retreat venue called Philadelphia Cottages, situated right at the epicenter of South Africa. Here, a precious friend was given the vision to provide a place where saints could come and be ministered to by the Spirit as they literally walked out the roadmap of their whole journey with God via a prayerfully laid out walk depicting the various stations of our walk with the Lord. All along the way there are scriptures written on large stones calling us to come deeper and further in surrender to Christ. Accommodation is in the form of four Overcomer cottages, aptly named Chosen, Pillar, Set-apart and Anointed. My friend prays over each person that comes as to which room the Lord would have them stay. Each day, the Spirit of the Lord will continue to minister into that particular theme and refresh and encourage that weary saint.

On the morning of our departure from this special place, The Spirit prompted me to pick up four smooth stones, one from each threshold of the Overcomer Cottages. Each person who had ever stayed in those rooms had laid their foot upon these stones and so those polished pebbles would be signifying those who were chosen, pillars, set-apart and chosen by the Spirit of God and that the order of the stones was significant.

I had a suspicion that the Great Artist was busy designing a new resin art piece... Already I could see them with the eye of the Spirit, set in resin that had been filled with the ash of burned wood, hay and stubble, representing the fact that all

that was not built on Christ had been purged from their lives by the ministrations of the Refiner's Fire. They were no longer rough, but smooth and polished from the multiple washings of the River of the Water of Life.



## What Can Be Done with a Burnt Stone

Not long after we left the retreat, we came across a section of road which had been swept through by a very fierce fire the day before. Both verges were white with ash and as we got out of the vehicle and began to pray, the Spirit urged me to pick up yet another stone, this time a burnt stone which had come through the raging fire.

The Spirit reminded me that Nehemiah had rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem with burnt stones, even though the enemy had mocked him and said nothing could be accomplished with burnt stones; that because of what the stones had experienced, they would be too weak to build anything of permanence.

*Neh 4:2 And he said before his brethren and the army of Samaria, What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore things [at will and by themselves]? Will they [try to bribe their God] with sacrifices? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, seeing they are burned? Neh 4:3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was near him, and he said, What they build-- if a fox climbs upon it, he will break down their stone wall.*

The stone He indicated was lying face down in the ash and when I inspected it, I saw it had been broken in half and had originally been a sphere, but now half of its original form was lost. It had been separated from its other half. Even as those words made their way through my mind, I realized that this charred stone depicted those who had had such an

onslaught against them that their hope was gone and they had lost their connection with their first love. The enemy's relentless assault had convinced them that God no longer loved them, that they had lost their calling and place in the Kingdom. When I bent down and picked up that stone in its ashen grave, I represented the compassionate burning love of God at work in His overcomers as He used them to lift the hopeless, the backslidden, the lost sheep up from the ash heap, in preparation for them to be set in place once again as part of their Father's household.



I felt prompted to anoint it with Spirit of Burning oil before adding it to the other four overcomer stones, symbolically knitting it together with the other fire-starter stones who had been tested, tried, chosen, set-apart and anointed.





The Spirit impressed upon me that this fifth stone represented those whom the overcomers lifted up out of the ashes of the great onslaught they had been through and that they too would be built into their place in the city of the Lord, which is intended to be a light to the world. In addition, God's kingdom plans were to use these five living stone companies as the final five-fold gifts to the saints to equip them for the work of the ministry, so that the Body of Christ would finally be brought to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The song and the sound that resounds forth from these rescued, lifted and anointed stones will be that of Hannah,

who endured season upon season of shame and abuse but was chosen to bring forth a season-changer and shift the spiritual atmosphere over the nations. HE used the weak and the foolish and the despised things to confound the wisdom of the wise!

*1Sa 2:1 Hannah prayed, and said, My heart exults and triumphs in the Lord; my horn (my strength) is lifted up in the Lord. My mouth is no longer silent, for it is opened wide over my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation. 1Sa 2:2 There is none holy like the Lord, there is none besides You; there is no Rock like our God. 1Sa 2:8 He raises up the poor out of the dust and lifts up the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with nobles and inherit the throne of glory. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and He has set the world upon them. 1Sa 2:9 He will guard the feet of His godly ones, but the wicked shall be silenced and perish in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. 1Sa 2:10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them will He thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge [all peoples] to the ends of the earth; and He will give strength to His king (King) and exalt the power of His anointed (Anointed His Christ).*

## My Stones of Fire

As I did not fully understand what the Lord wanted me to do with the stones, I waited for further instruction. Then one day, about two weeks later, He instructed me to go to a local shop which sold semi-precious stones and, under His guidance, I picked out four more stones of one type and one of another. As I was doing so, I kept hearing the phrase 'Come up higher, My stones of Fire'.

The four stones were Laboradite, a type of stone that looks dark until it catches the light at a certain angle and then iridescent rainbows of colour emerge from within its depths. These stones, the Father explained, would be representing the overcomers who had successfully emerged from their wilderness training time and were now in the season ahead being sent as laborers into the harvest field, to participate in the last great harvest, bringing Kingdom plans to completion.

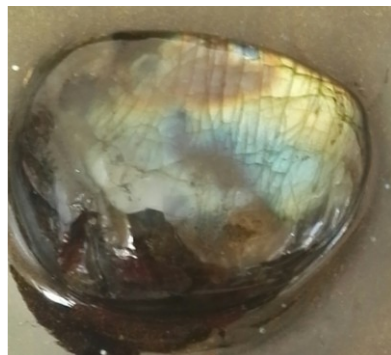
There is a call sounding forth over the overcomers to come up higher, to be imbued with the seven spirits of God and to be set in place in their appointed places in heavenly places in Christ. The season of the Refiner's fire is over for the overcomers.

The season of receiving kingdom blueprints and mandates is here. The season of knowing one's place in the endtime purposes of God is upon us and we must come up higher to receive understanding of our specific metron or measure of

authority and rule. It is only as John answered the call to come up higher that God could show him what was going to take place in the future. Only then could he see the throne room of Heaven and receive understanding of heavenly things.

*Rev 4:1 After this, I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a war trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future. Rev 4:2 At once I came under the [Holy] Spirit's power, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne!*

When we are set in place in our appointed heavenly positions, we undergo transformation and empowering to fulfil our endtime callings. We are ignited with the fiery zeal of the heart of God. Our spiritual eyes are opened to see things we have never understood before. Our ears hear heavenly conversations and secrets from the throne. Our lives resonate with the sound we have absorbed from Him.



The Spirit is calling us higher because we are not intended to walk out the next season against a backdrop of all that has been turned to ashes in our circumstances. We cannot launch forth into our endtime purposes from the springboard of loss and grief and broken dreams.

We must come up higher and see all things from God's perspective. Then even the assault of the enemy in past seasons will be portioned its rightful place as part of God's infinitely wise plan to prepare us fully for what lies ahead. We have gained the strength and endurance we now possess through the continual onslaught and resistance training that the enemy has been used to put us through.

And now a different season is upon us and we must heed the call to let go of the season that is behind and press forward and upward into all that God has in store. The enemy is about to go forth in the earth with great wrath, knowing he has but a short time and so it is imperative that our dwelling place is in heavenly places in Christ, where nothing going on around us in the earth can shake our secure position in His perfect will.

We are citizens of another kingdom, ambassadors sent forth on heavenly orders, fulfilling Kingdom business. We are bearers of heavenly light that no demonic darkness can quench.

*Joh 1:5 And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it].*



Remember, it is going to get very dark in the earthly realm in the days ahead. Isaiah says dense darkness will cover the earth. It will be a darkness that can be felt, just as happened during the 3 days of darkness in Egypt. But in the homes of God's people, there was light! And now too, it will be clearly evident who carry a light that cannot be quenched by any onslaught of darkness. Those who have come up higher, daily dwelling in heavenly places in Christ Jesus will radiate His glory and draw others to Him. The overcomers are destined to be a part of the heavenly Jerusalem, which has no need for the sun or the moon to give it light. The Lamb is its light! He is our ever-burning Lamp within!

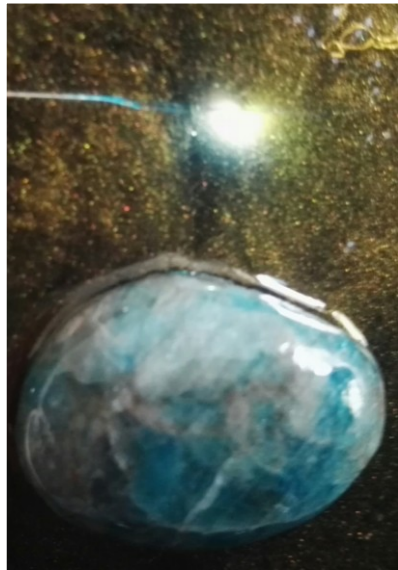
*Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun nor the moon to give light to it, for the splendor and radiance of God illuminate it, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations shall walk by its light and the rulers leaders of the earth shall bring into it their glory. And its gates shall never be closed by day, and there shall be no night there.*

### Lifted from the Ashes

The fifth stone, which would represent the transformation of the burnt stone, was appetite, a name which the Spirit indicated would characterize these lifted up and restored saints. They would have an appetite, a great hunger and zeal for the things of God; that they would say like Jesus did at the well in Samaria, "I have food to eat that you don't know of. My meat is to do the will of God and complete it." Having found their other half in the Lover of their souls and being fully restored to God's original purpose and plan for their lives, they would live for His pleasure alone. The beautiful blue of the stone represents revelation knowledge, being filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. In essence they would be those representing the fulfillment of the prayer in Colossians 1 (and no doubt, those who love them had prayed these very words over them in their prayer closets):

*Col 1:9 For this reason we also, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased to pray and make [special] request for you, [asking] that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things--  
Col 1:10 That you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God.*

The apatite stone cost R71.30. Strongs H7130 is the word qereb, meaning 'the nearest part' and comes from a root word meaning 'to bring near'. In the passage in Luke 17, where two are in a field and one is 'taken' and the other left, the Greek word 'taken' there means 'to receive near, to associate with oneself'. These burnt stones are going to be claimed by the Lord as His own.



He says, "You are Mine, burnt stone. I see where you lie and I hear the whisper of your tired heart. And I will bring you near. I will lift you up and transform all your ashes into beauty and honor."



He Walks Amongst His stones of Fire



This is where you are being set in place, remnant overcomers of the Lamb. Your sound will 'resin-ate' from this place as you shine like stars, holding out the word of Life. God is light and there is no darkness in Him. In Him is all the light you need to traverse the days ahead and His desire is to pour out His glory in and through His faithful remnant, in order to bring in the great endtime harvest.

Hear the voice calling from the throne, "Come up higher, My stones of fire". Let the fiery breath of the God Who is a consuming fire ignite you and empower you to walk out and complete His will for you. Be filled with the seven spirits of God and receive the power and light they have absorbed from dwelling before the throne of sapphire. Live for the praise of His glory from your appointed place in the centre of His perfect will.

*Psa 84:7 They go from strength to strength [increasing in victorious power]; each of them appears before God in Zion.*

*Rev 22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. Rev 22:5 And there shall be no more night; they have no need for lamplight or sunlight, for the Lord God will illuminate them and be their light, and they shall reign [as kings] forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities).*

*Dan 12:3 And the teachers and those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness (to uprightness and right standing with God) [shall give forth light] like the stars forever and ever.*

*Dan 11:33 And they who are wise and understanding among the people shall instruct many and make them understand, though some [of them and their followers] shall fall by the sword and flame, by captivity and plunder, for many days. Dan 11:34 Now when they fall, they shall receive a little help. Many shall join themselves to them with flatteries and hypocrisies. Dan 11:35 And some of those who are wise, prudent, and understanding shall be weakened and fall, [thus, then, the insincere among the people will lose courage and become deserters. It will be a test] to refine, to purify, and to make those among [God's people] white, even to the time of the end, because it is yet for the time [God] appointed.*

*Selah*



