

# KILLER BEE

## BEE ATTITUDES

## SCRIPTURES

### Hebrews 12:1 NIV

12 "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

### Romans 8:31 NIV

31 "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

### 2 Kings 6:16 NIV

16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

### 2 Corinthians 12:26 NIV

26 "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."

## DID YOU KNOW???

- Do you know what makes killer bees so deadly?
  - "With each sting, a pheromone is released, signaling for more bees from the colony to join in the onslaught. It is estimated that around 1,000 stings could kill an adult human. As Africanized bees attack in numbers far exceeding that figure, their nickname comes as no surprise. These bees are also very determined." ~Natural History Museum

## WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR ME?

The quality that makes killer bees so dangerous is their natural ability to ban together, defend their hive, and attack as one deadly force. It is not that their venom is more dangerous. It is more accurately their response as a united front that makes them impossible to stop. These killer bees release a scent that signals to their hive to come and help attack. The killer bee is more defensive, and it will gladly take a line of defense that covers a larger area than other bees.

In fact, the only way to survive a killer bee attack is to outrun them and take shelter in a building. Interestingly, if you dive into water, they will wait until you come up for air and attack again. You could say that they hold a powerful grudge, so you do not want to get too close to their hive.

Killer bees are mighty when they are together. For similar reasons, the enemy often tries to separate the body of Christ from each other. Together, we are a force to be reckoned with. Alone, we are easy targets. In the same way that one killer bee cannot do too much harm, isolated Christians are also vulnerable. We need each other. Thankfully, we are never without our God, a spiritual force surrounding us, and mighty weapons. Furthermore, God has not given us a spirit of fear. With all of that being said, do we possess the same attitude as the killer bees? Do we defend God's Kingdom and fellow children of the most high God with force?

If the enemy gets too close to our church and our church family, do we stand ready to defend as a united front? If not, we could learn something from these bees! It is important to stand ready to fight for our church and our church family in prayer. These killer bees send their enemy packing and for quite the distance too. They will defend their hive for over 1600 feet away. That sends a very clear message to any enemy to stay away from our hive!

There are many instances in the bible that show this same belief. We were not meant to battle alone. We have been reminded countless times that we are NOT alone in fact. Let's embrace this truth and stand together as a church family ready to battle for each other!

## WHERE DO I START?

**Defend in prayer-** If we aren't praying every day, then we need to start. If we aren't prayer for our church and church family every day, then we defiantly need to start!

**United -** How united are we as a church family? Do you reach out to your church family daily? Do you know when they come under attack?

**Go the distance-** The killer bee will not stop short. She will drive the enemy far from her hive. We need to have an attitude like that!