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Dearly Beloved in the Lord,



The picture you see above is that of Queen Mother Yaa Asantewaa (1840-1921) of the Ejisu (Asante Confederacy, which is now Ghana). This bold Black African woman led her people against the British. It was called the "*War of the Golden Stool*." The British imprisoned the King and many of the leadership of the Asante people and demanded the Golden Stool which was the symbol of Asante power. When the Elders met and the men began to hesitate Queen Yaa Asantewaa stood up to defy giving the stool to the British and spoke these words,

"Now I see that some of you fear to go forward to fight for our king. If it were in the brave days of Osei Tutu, Okomfo Anokye, and Opoku Ware, chiefs would not sit down to see their king to be taken away without firing a shot. No European could have dared speak to chiefs of Asante in the way the governor spoke to you this morning. Is it true that the bravery of Asante is no more? I cannot believe it. It cannot be! I must say this: if you, the men of Asante, will not go forward, then we will. We, the women, will. I shall call upon my fellow women. We will fight the white men. We will fight till the last of us falls in the battlefields."

We thank God for warrior Queens like Yaa Asantewaa and Katie Hall (Katie got Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s birthday signed in as a National holiday). We thank God for Black women who know that their greatest strength is in their minds and hearts that are focused on the freedom of their people and honoring their God. We honor Queen Yaa Asantewaa and Katie Hall today and I challenge you to read about them and share their stories as a lasting memorial to your Children, Grandchildren, nieces, nephews, school and neighborhood youth. God Bless you and Be Encouraged!

"Amand La" and "Uhuru Sassa"
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