

Series : Battle Plan
John 15:9-17 Ephesians 6:10-18
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Prayer Strategies

As we continue are series on the battle plan for prayer. Can you imagine some of the prayer that god must hear? Recently i can only imagine the prayers for how we will be faithful if only... we can win the big lottery.

I recently read about a lady who had a parrot that she taught to be spiritual and so the parrot would say, awwk, let us pray. Let us pray. She met a guy but he was a little rough around the edges. He also had a parrot that he taught to say awwk lets kiss lets kiss. As it would happen these two got married and as they set up their house they introduced their parrots. The sweet spiritual parrot said awwk, let us pray let us pray. The other parrot said let's kiss lets kiss. The first parrot responded with praise God my prayers have been answered.

But God is calling us to come to him in prayer. He wants us to come personal from the heart, real in our lives and situations. He also has given us a guide to lead us to pray specifically and strategically in our lives.

God in his spirt leads us to a www of wonderful prayer life In Word to His Will and Wonder and Wisdom of God in his name to lift up petitions to God. (John 15:7) *But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon.*

He leads us to his Word so that when we pray we pray with words and thoughts that are inspired from God's Word and we are secured with bedrock truth of God by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus tells you to abide in Him and to let His Word abide in you. It is communicating with God based on His Spirit living in communication in and with us.

So His plan begins with lifting up his Holy name returning to God daily to adore and praise the God of our lives. Confessing create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me.

We lift up our prayers with a penitent heart in confidence that he hears our prayer. And so we pray

Prayer: Thank you Lord for your Word - thank you for not leaving us here void in our sin but forgiving us and filling us by your spirit. Direct our paths to serve you may we truly love your word and cling to is as our lifeline to your truth, love and wisdom.

God is calling us...

Strat 1 - pray offensively. A good pray strategy is praying against evil. Martin Luther would say that every time we go into prayer the evil one we will be there to put us to the test. So let us

respond by faith to put in back in his face. In the Lord's Prayer we pray for kingdom come on earth and in heaven and to give us daily bread. As Christian's we walk with more than staying away from sin but walking with God and loving others. So we let our light so shine!

Pray for good God things to happen. Pray that God be glorified in all things. Pray for more that we can imagine. And so we pray...

Prayer: Father enable us to pray in a manner inviting your blessing to enjoy your presence and fill us to serve others with joy. We praise your name.

God is calling us...

Strat 2 - Pray preemptively - we must be ready. Jesus said ⁴¹ *Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.* "We must fight our battles on our knees. We must recognize Satan and reveal who the enemy is and who is out to steal, kill and destroy us. He is not just a symbol of evil nor a mere fable. He is real he is crafty he is powerful and he is evil. When we pray- do not bring us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. We must learn to pray preemptively lifting our calendars commitments and opportunities (all of us total lives) to the Lord and his will be done. We must fasten on the spiritual armor of God asking him to guide and lead to provide and protect us before stepping into the heat of battle of our daily lives. *1 John 3:8. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.* Expose Satan to the Light!

The enemy uses distraction to get us off track. Do you think the enemy can easily distract and get our attention off the cross even when we are praying? Watch and pray and be alert. Jesus words to the disciples in the garden and words to us today.

The enemy will use deception. He is the father of lies who wants to destroy us. He will lie and deceive to make us to fall into temptation. *1 peter 4:7 We can't ever believe him lest we fall into his snare.* We are not strong enough. We must be into the Word and prayer to discern.

The enemy will use Derision Distain – he will run you down in every aspect you can think of. He will try to bring guilt upon you he will try to bring up the past; he will accuse you of not being good enough.

But we find our identity in Christ who brings wisdom discernment forgiveness of peace and hope.

The enemy will use Division – Satan knows if the house is divided it will not be able to stand. He brings things like anger and jealousy, gossip and slander. He will try anything to bring us against each other. But we stand as *A bond of three is not quickly broken* and so we pray...

Prayer: thank you for your Word and alerting us to the evil one and His schemes. Give us Grace to discern how the enemy will attack so we can wisely pray to stand firm together in your strength our lord by faith.

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Strat 3 - Pray defensively - Put on the full armor of God.

Belt of Truth to wrap around your waist to dispel the lies.

Breast plate of Righteousness of Christ worn across our chests to live boldly peace in our daily walk to rattle Satan's accusations and lies.

Shoes of Peace in our daily walk.

Faith as a shield to defend off his attacks,

Helmet of salvation to guard our minds

and the Word of God applied like a sword slicing through the enemy's distortions. And we pray....

Prayer: Lord help us to be strong in your mighty power. Help us to put on the full armor and stand confident in You.

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Stat 4 - Pray extraordinary in his name. When we reach the level of desperate levels in life. When you are at your limit. Extra ordinary means are needed. Radical drop everything prayer. All hands on deck everybody pray. Pray corporately it is a team effort. Prayer with fasting. Unusual time's means unusual sacrifice of prayer and devotion to focus on God.

Prayer fervently and passionately by faith. Call the alarm the time is now for fervent prayer. Sins of our nation. Heart break in our homes, persecution of the church, illness all around us, the evil one prowling around to devour us.

James 5:16-18 - The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with

Prayer: On our Knees

So we pray

We begin by calling ABBA father. Who takes away our fear and gives us Peace.

Hear our prayer....

We Praise You that nothing is impossible with You. Train us and lead us into extraordinary prayer. Help us throw off any sin, surrender ourselves completely to you. May we see the needs of our city and nation the way you see them! Unite believers in your church in extraordinary prayer. May we walk in love and faith from our heart to be fervent and persistent in prayer! Revive us to a spiritual awakening in our land that you be glorified through us O God.