



Prayer : Change Your World

How to Build a Powerful Prayer Life – Part 1

Prayer: Change Your World!

- Welcome to the Early Church Gathering here at BWC! Tonight we are going learn how to establish a powerful prayer life.
- The Bible says in James 5:16 ***“...and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored to a spiritual tone of mind and heart. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].”***
- This scripture is the foundational teaching of an effective prayer life. Let’s review the basics of prayer to refresh everyone on it.

What is Prayer?

- Prayer is the primary communication method in the Kingdom of God. Nothing on this earth is accomplished without prayer.
- Prayer is the language of Heaven. Prayer is speaking to God in your known language or your heavenly language.
- Prayer is the lifeline for the lost through a praying believer.
- Prayer is the ultimate act of love.
- Prayer is the barrier between total darkness and the light of heaven.
- Prayer is the pipeline of blessings from heaven to earth.

The Purpose of Prayer

- What is the purpose of prayer? Why is it so important to Him? Because God has lots of plans. He has plans for every human ever conceived and He has plans for everyone walking this earth. To fulfill these plans, He has chosen to use people through prayer to accomplish and fulfill them.
- God has established prayer as the way He wants decrees and declarations to be spoken out into the universe or the spiritual realm. The creative power of words is all wrapped up in PRAYER.

The Jewish Approach to Prayer

Introduction

to Jewish Prayer

The English word "pray" derives from a root word meaning "to beg or entreat," whereas the Hebrew word *hitpallel* comes from a verb meaning "to judge oneself." When we pray, we first inwardly examine ourselves and then sincerely call upon the Lord with reverent singleness of heart.

In Jewish thinking, devotion from the heart, called *kavanat ha lev*, is considered essential to true prayer. *Kavanah* implies concentration, worship, and single-mindedness: you simply cannot reach the Lord without earnestness and passion of the whole heart (see Jer. 29:13, Heb 11:6). One of the Jewish sages wrote, "Prayer without *kavanah* is like a body without a soul," suggesting that merely mouthing the "right words" of a prayer is empty hypocrisy if the inmost heart is not also profoundly involved. And will God, who is Spirit, listen to such insincerity from our lips? (see Isa. 29:13)

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Types of Prayer

- There are many types of prayer that fulfill the purposes of God.
 - Fellowship Prayer: A Conversation
 - Worship Prayer
 - Intercessory Prayer
 - The Word of God Prayers
 - Petitions & Supplications
 - Ministry Prayer
 - Spiritual Warfare
- Let's look at each of these types of prayer a little closer.

Fellowship Prayer: A Conversation

- God wants our fellowship, our friendship, our love for Him above all else. Fellowship prayer is just that. It is getting in that secret place of prayer and sitting at His feet just talking to Him. In plain conversation.
- God speaks all languages. He knows how to communicate with every tribe and tongue on earth. He even speaks animal. He communicates with animals. How do you think the lions didn't eat Daniel up?

Fellowship Prayer: A Conversation

- Genesis 3:8 says “***And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day.***” God would come to the garden to fellowship with Adam and Eve in the evenings. It was His habit to do so.
- Genesis 5:24 says “***And Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not for God took him [home with Him].***” Enoch walked in habitual fellowship with God for over 300 years before he was taken to heaven! Habitual fellowship. What a powerful principle!

Fellowship Prayer: A Conversation

- John 14:23 says ***“...and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.”***
Spending time in fellowship prayer with God, brings you into that “secret place” of the Most High found in Psalm 91.
- If you haven't already, find a special place where you can meet with Him every day. A special place reserved only for your times with Him. It becomes a refuge, a cocoon of peace that you can run to whether you are in the valley or the mountaintop.

Worship Prayer

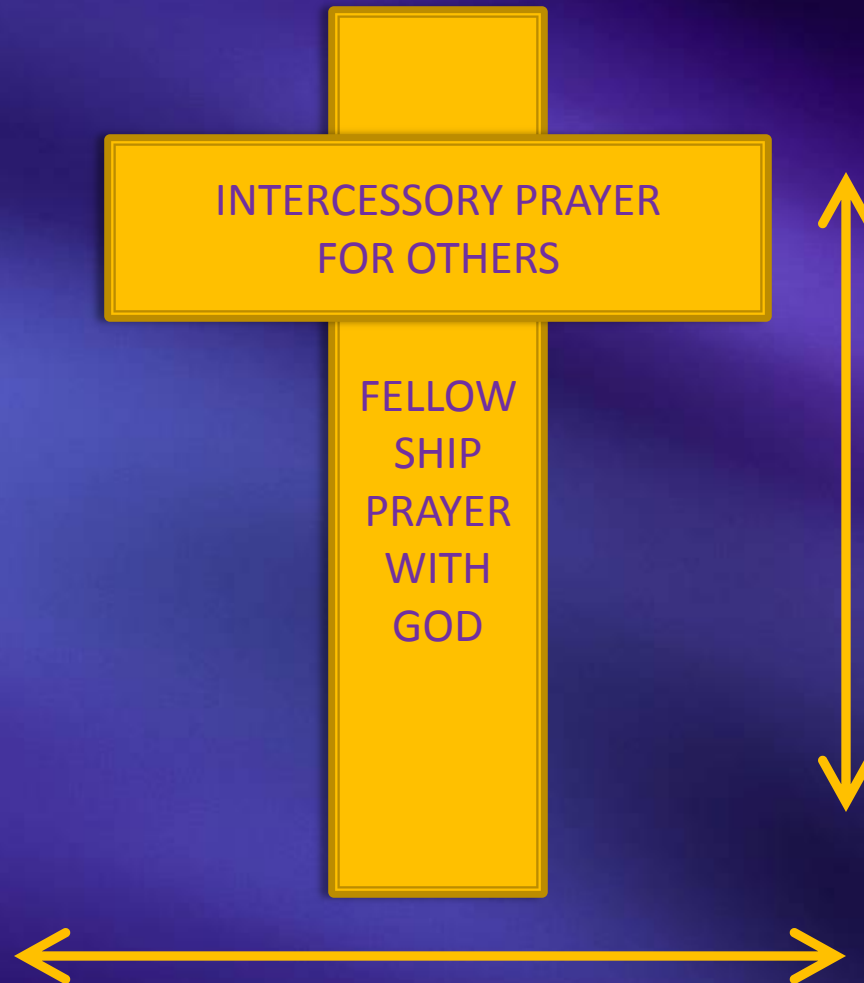
- Any of the Psalms are worship prayers of David or Asaph. They are powerful prayers that declare God's glory and power and their faith in His protection and deliverance.
- Psalm 61:1-2 says ***“Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth will I cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.”***
- Singing worship songs to the Lord in your personal prayer time is worship prayer. You are declaring who He is to you and it is building your faith and blessing His heart at the same time.

Intercessory Prayer

- Our Prayer lives should resemble the Cross. We spend time with Him in worship and fellowship is the vertical part of the Cross. Spending time in intercessory prayer for others is the horizontal part of the Cross.
- Intercessory prayer is us working WITH God to pray in the lost, to help others get victory and the list of people and reasons for prayer are endless.
- Intercessory prayer is at the heart of God because He wants ALL people saved! He doesn't want anyone to go to a devil's hell!

Intercessory Prayer – Our Cross

It's vertical and it's horizontal:
Fellowship prayer between you and God builds a strong foundation of trust and faith, which empowers you to effectively pray for others!



Intercessory Prayer

- Let's look at some examples of intercessory prayer in the Word of God.
 - Abraham for Sodom & Gomorrah
 - Job for His Friends
 - Jesus For ALL of US
 - The Apostle Paul Laboring over the Church

Abraham's Prayer for Sodom & Gomorrah

- One of the first recorded instances of intercessory prayer for an entire city is recorded here in Genesis 18.
- Abraham was visited by the Lord Himself along with two angels. They even had lunch with him!
- Notice in verse 17 ***“And the Lord said Shall I hide from Abraham [My friend and servant] what I am going to do, since Abraham shall sure become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed through him and shall bless themselves by him?”***

Abraham's Prayer for Sodom & Gomorrah

- Verse 19 says ***“For I have known (chosen, acknowledged) him [as My own], so that he may teach and command his children and the sons of his house after him to keep the way of the Lord and to do what is just and righteous, so that the Lord may bring Abraham what He has promised him.”***
- This was God's plan for Abraham, that the Messiah would come through his lineage. God had established a friendship with Abraham. A very trusting and intimate friendship. So much so that the Lord would not hide his plan to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah from him.

Abraham's Prayer for Sodom & Gomorrah

- The Lord says to Abraham in verses 20 & 21, ***“And the Lord said, Because the shriek [of the sins] of Sodom and Gomorrah is great their sin is exceedingly grievous, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether [as vilely and wickedly] as the cry of it which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”***
- Abraham is concerned at these words because Lot and his family were living in Sodom. It was from this angle that Abraham began to set arguments before the Lord.

Abraham's Prayer for Sodom & Gomorrah

- As the Angels left to go to Sodom, Abraham began by saying ***“will you destroy the righteous (those upright and in right standing with God) together with the wicked? Suppose there are in the city fifty righteous; will You destroy the place and not spare it for [the sake of] the fifty righteous in it?”***
- Now THIS is coming BOLDLY to the Throne of Grace! This is intercession! Abraham is bold and he is confident in the Lord's mercy too.

Abraham's Prayer for Sodom & Gomorrah

- Abraham says ***“Far be it from You to do such a thing—to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as do the wicked! Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth execute judgment and do righteously?”***
- Wow! That is bold! Abraham knew the Lord because they were friends. He knew He would answer as He did—yes I will spare it for fifty.
- The Lord says ***“If I find in the city of Sodom fifty righteous, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”***

Abraham's Prayer for Sodom & Gomorrah

- Abraham got a verbal “YES” from the God of the Universe that Sodom would be spared were there fifty righteous found there! But Abraham kept pressing the issue from fifty righteous to forty righteous, to thirty righteous all the way down to 10 righteous in the whole city!
- The Lord said ***“I will not destroy it for ten’s sake.”***
- The principles in this one story are so rich and so deep on so many levels, every time I read it the Lord shows me something new!

Abraham's Prayer for Sodom & Gomorrah

- Because of Abraham's relationship with God, He knew He could approach Him with this intercession and get a Yes from Him.
- He knew God's character that His mercy would keep Him from destroying the place with even ten righteous. I believe Abraham could have argued down to one and God would have spared it.
- But God knew, there wasn't even ten righteous people in Sodom, including to some degree Lot and his family. They all loved Sodom, they loved the society and culture there. They didn't want to leave!
- It was because of Abraham's intercession that they were spared! God listens to our intercession on behalf of lost loved ones.

Job's Intercession for His Friends

- Job is another guy who loved the Lord with all his heart. Like Abraham, he had an intimate relationship with God.
- He had confidence and faith in God's ability to bless him and keep him. And God knew what Job was made of too.
- God knew that when Satan came demanding to tear his life apart because of fear, that Job would hang tough and stick with Him!
- God knows what we are made of too. He won't allow Satan to destroy us.

Job's Intercession for His Friends

- Job's friends came along and proceeded to "comfort" him with statements about God without them knowing God the way Job did.
- They didn't have the relationship Job did. They were speaking out of head knowledge ABOUT God while Job could speak from his HEART because he knew God!
- It angered God that his friends used Him to further hurt Job. To make him feel even worse about himself.
- The Lord Himself spoke to Job and got him back on track. Sometimes we have to get alone with the Lord and let Him reboot us! We get hung up on the opinions of others when we really need to listen to HIM!

Job's Intercession for His Friends

- Job 42:7 says ***“After the Lord had spoken the previous words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me the thing that is right, as My servant Job has.”***
- Verse 8 says ***“Now therefore take seven bullocks and seven rams and go to My servant Job and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept [his prayer] that I deal not with you after your folly, in that you have not spoken of Me the thing that is right, as My servant Job has.”***
- Notice even though the Lord is angry, it is tempered with mercy. He gives Job's friends a way to make it right. I love that about God!

Job's Intercession for His Friends

- We all know that after Job prayed for his friends, the Lord turned his captivity. The Lord told the devil to back off!
- Job had stood faithful to Him just as He knew he would. And God gave Job double what he had before. Plus he added many, many more years to his life so that he saw generations of his children before he died!
- God rewards intercession for people who have hurt you. When you allow love to reign, it won't pay attention to a suffered wrong. God loves that!

Jesus' Intercession for All of Us

- In the Gospel of John, chapter 17, Jesus interceded for all of us 2000 years ago! He looked down through time and saw you and me here in this age, and He prayed for us to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might!
- Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us! He is the Mediator of the New Covenant! He is even now at the right Hand of the Father as Satan brings his cases against us day and night and Jesus Himself fights for us.

Jesus' Intercession for All of Us

- Eternity will show each one of us how many times the intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ has saved our lives—both physically and spiritually!
- In the Court of Heaven, there are always arguments being made for and against us. The outcome depends on us. On our willingness to allow the Lord to form us into His image.
- And when we come to the Court of Heaven to pray for others, we are coming in agreement with Jesus. Satan is OVERRULED!

Jesus' Intercession for All of Us

- John 17:20-21 says ***“Neither for these alone do I pray [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for all those who will every come to believe in (trust in, cling to, rely on) Me through their word and teaching.”***
- Verse 21 says ***“That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me.”***
- This prayer of the Lord will stand for all eternity. It is still in effect with each soul that comes into the kingdom of God.

Apostle Paul Laboring Over the Church

- The Apostle Paul poured out his life for the Church. He had to be one passionate man! He allowed the Lord to channel all the zeal and passion he had for Judaism into Christianity and he literally turned the world upside down.
- Paul was consumed with God. He worked with God to birth the Church of Jesus Christ into the earth! What an honor and privilege to do that!
- The prayers and intercessions he poured out for the Galatians, the Colossians, the Ephesians, the Romans and the Thessalonians! The teachings and exhortations he poured into each body of believers.

Apostle Paul Laboring Over the Church

- The price the Apostle Paul paid for his part in the spreading of the Gospel to the Gentiles, was pretty hefty!
- He was beaten so many times and left for dead. He was stoned, thrown into prison. He was misunderstood by other Christians. He was hated by the religious Jews as much as Jesus was.
- He was known by Satan to the point where a thorn in his side was sent against him to buffet him everywhere he went. He was finally beheaded to the amusement of Roman citizens.
- But the Apostle Paul finished strong. His race was run and he accomplished God's plan for him. All along the way, he interceded for all men to be saved, and to find that special place in God that he had found.

Intercessory Prayer

- Every believer is told in the Word of God to “pray for all men.” In Ephesians 6:18 ***“Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God’s consecrated people).”***
- Paul wrote this to the Ephesians. I have to believe that he lived it. We should too. When we pray for someone else, Heaven is activated towards that person. You or I may be the only person in the whole world who is praying for that person!
- God watches lives go on without Him and nobody is praying for them, so when they are lifted up, He moves towards them! Why? Because He loves them and wants them saved from eternal separation and torment!

Word of God Prayers

- Praying the Word of God back to God in prayer is perhaps the most powerful of all prayers because the Word of God cannot fail. There is nothing of US in God's Word. Its all HIM!
- Hebrews 4:12 says ***“For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and the immortal spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.”***
- Why wouldn't we want to speak God's Word back to Him with this kind of power?

Word of God Prayers

- When you utter the Word of God out into the atmosphere, three things are happening.
 - God has heard His Words being spoken out in faith. He watches over His Word to perform it, so He speaks to the Angels.
 - Angels have heard His Words released and are activated towards it.
 - Satan's rank and file have heard God's Word released and are terrified because the Host of Heaven have been activated against them.
- The Word of God is our Sword. We read about it, but has it sunk in how really, really powerful a weapon you have at your disposal?

Word of God Prayers

- Word prayers are a primary weapon I use when I am on a prayer assignment or a faith stand.
- I pour through the Word looking the Rhema words that God has for me in this situation. When I get them, I put them into a Word Prayer that I use during the stand.
- Every day I speak this word out into the spirit realm, knowing that God is working on it because His Word cannot fail and because He watches over it to make sure it comes to pass!

Word of God Prayers

- Here are a couple of examples of Word of God Prayers:
- **I LEAN ON, I TRUST IN AND I AM CONFIDENT IN THE LORD AND HIS PROVISION ONLY. THEREFORE, I FLOURISH LIKE A GREEN BOUGH. I AM WISE IN THAT I BUILD MY HOUSE UP TOWARDS GOD, THEREFORE MY FRUIT IS A TREE OF LIFE AND I CAPTURE HUMAN LIVES FOR GOD MOST HIGH! I AM A FISHER OF MEN, THEREFORE I GATHER AND RECEIVE THEM FOR ETERNITY. I KNOW THAT I SHALL BE RECOMPENSED ON THIS EARTH BEFORE I DIE IN THE NAME OF JESUS!**
- **I CHOOSE THIS DAY TO PUT AWAY FROM ME FALSE AND DISHONEST SPEECH, AND WILLFUL AND CONTRARY TALK I PUT FAR FROM ME. MY EYES LOOK RIGHT ON, WITH FIXED PURPOSE, AND MY GAZE IS STRAIGHT BEFORE ME. I CONSIDER WELL THE PATH OF MY FEET, AND ALL MY WAYS ARE ESTABLISHED AND ORDERED ARIGHT. I WILL NOT TURN ASIDE TO THE RIGHT HAND OR TO THE LEFT; MY FOOT WILL NOT GO THE WAY OF EVIL IN JESUS' NAME**

Word of God Prayers

- Word of God prayers do NOT replace praying in the Spirit. Praying in the Holy Ghost, also prays God's perfect will into the situation so that the enemy has no idea what is being said.
- Praying in the Holy Ghost builds up our faith. Singing in the Holy Ghost builds up our faith.
- Speaking the Word of God prayers are so that the enemy can hear it because that is what is going to kick his tail end into oblivion! He needs to hear the roar of the Host of Heaven breathing down his throat!
- Word of God prayers set God's Word in position for victory. God and you are in agreement. Agreement is powerful, especially when its you and God!
- I have an example of one of my Word prayers for you to pattern after if you want to.

Petitions & Supplications

- Did you know that you can and should make a petition and bring it before the Lord before you embark on a prayer stand?
- What is a petition? It is a legal argument of your position in the Court of Heaven—at the Throne of Grace. Yes we are told in Hebrews 4:16 ***“Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in good time for every need.”***

Petitions & Supplications

- We have the right as a child of the King to come boldly to Him for every trial and need we encounter in this life.
- Consider this: Satan is always up there bringing charges against us...against you and me. Day and night Revelation says. How does he do this? He gathers the legal grounds of your sin, your unbelief and your faithless words. That is how he is able to attack you.
- Because God is the Righteous Judge of the Universe, He listens to the legal petitions that Satan makes. And if there is legal ground, he can successfully make his case against you.

Petitions & Supplications

- Guess what? God listens to OUR petitions too. We also can come before the Court of Heaven...to His Throne of Grace and make our petitions for our marriage, our healing, our lost loved ones, the nation, our church, our co-workers, our neighbors, our friends..even our enemies!
- How do we go about making a petition and presenting a petition to God?
- I pattern my petitions after Daniel. Let's look at the book of Daniel 9 starting in verse 1.

Petitions & Supplications

- Let's break down Daniel 9.
 - What were the conditions Daniel was in?
 - Daniel read in the books the prophetic number of years Israel was to remain in captivity.
 - Daniel 9:2 says ***“In the first year of his reign (Darius the Mede), I Daniel, understood from the books the number of years which, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass by before the desolations [which had been] pronounced on Jerusalem should end; and it was seventy years.”***
 - The Israelites had been in captivity almost seventy years. They were once again slaves.

Petitions & Supplications

- But Daniel knew the Word of God. He understood prophecy. He knew he had a case to bring before God about his nation.
 - Daniel 9:3 says ***“And I set my face to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplication, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.”***
- He knew he had a case and he made the decision to seek God about it.

Petitions & Supplications

- Now Daniel is ready to bring his case or his petition to the Lord.
 - Daniel 9:4 says ***“And I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession and said, O Lord who keeps covenant, mercy and loving-kindness with those who love Him and keep His commandments.”***
- Here Daniel is reminding God of His covenant with Israel and His mercy towards His people Israel and those, like him, who love Him.

Petitions & Supplications

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 - He states the reason they are in this mess is their sin and wickedness by turning away from Him. (verses 5-6)
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- Now Daniel is ready to make the heart of his petition starting in verse 17. Look at what he asks:
 - O God, listen to and heed my prayer.
 - Cause Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary, which is desolate. (a reminder of the covenant)
 - O my God, incline Your ear and hear;
 - Open Your eyes and look at our desolations and the city which is called by Your Name.
 - Hear for Your name's sake Lord. (Daniel points out that it's not because of Israel's need for justice, but rather the need for MERCY)

Petitions & Supplications

- This is the heart of the petition. Daniel wasn't asking because Israel was a victim. That they needed justice. No. They were in captivity because of their rebellion and were cursed according to the Law of Moses.
- Daniel's petition appealed to God's love for his people and the nation. And His faithfulness to His covenants.

Petitions & Supplications

- When I do a petition for a prayer assignment or a battle. I lay it out the same way Daniel did.
 - I bring the current situation to His Throne of Grace.
 - I acknowledge any sin and the reasons the enemy is able to do this.
 - I ask the Lord for mercy and/or justice if it applies.
 - I remind Him of the great promises in His Word.
- Our heavenly Father wants us to come to Him with our petitions and legal arguments. The Word says **“Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be like wool.”** in Isaiah 1:18
- Go to the Word and find the promises for your situation. Then bring them to Him in a petition. He is ready to hear attentively to His child’s petitions.

Ministry Prayer

- Ministry prayer is when you are praying with someone as a ministry. Examples of ministry prayer include:
 - Laying on of hands for healing
 - Deliverance
 - Prayer of Agreement
 - Salvation Prayer
 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- We all learned about how to minister these things in the school of Personal Ministry last year. Refresh yourself in the book on ministry prayer.

Spiritual Warfare

- Spiritual warfare is part of being a Christian. Unfortunately it can't be avoided. Knowing how to deal with the devil is an important component of Christianity.
- There is a whole lot more to spiritual warfare than meets the eye. The Bible is full of battle strategies and principles that can really bring victory to your situation, if you know where to look and how to appropriate the knowledge.
- For tonight we are going to look at the very basics of spiritual warfare. There will be more indepth teaching on this subject in another teaching series.

Spiritual Warfare

- Spiritual warfare is a type of prayer. It is addressing the enemy directly using the weapons of our warfare.
- The weapons of our warfare include:
 - The Name of Jesus
 - The Blood of Jesus
 - Holy Communion
 - The Word of God
 - The Words of our Mouth
 - Praise & Thanksgiving
 - Child-like Faith
 - Praying in the Holy Spirit – Tongues
 - Agreement of other Believers
- All of these things are weapons. They are an actual weapon or a state of being that enables us to be victorious.

Weapon: Name of Jesus

- The Name of Jesus is the above ALL names. There is no other name in existence to which everything in creation MUST bow.
- The Bible says in Philippians 2:9-10 ***“Therefore God has highly exalted Him (Jesus) and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. That in (at) the Name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven, and on earth and under the earth.”***
- Every being in existence WILL bow sooner or later. The decision that all mankind must make is whether they will bow NOW or at the Great White Throne judgment at the end of all things.
- Every being includes Satan and all of his hordes and rebellious angels. They too must bow. They have to bow NOW at the Name of Jesus. When we speak “in the Name of Jesus!” They must bow and yield to the authority of that Name.

Weapon: Blood of Jesus

- The Blood of Jesus makes demons quake in their boots. Like the Name of Jesus, the Blood of Jesus has the power to destroy all the works of the devil.
- You can apply the Blood, hold the Blood, plead the Blood and draw a Bloodline. All of these things are ways the Lord has given us to get victory over all the power of the enemy through the Blood of Jesus!
- Revelation 12:11 tells us ***“And they have overcome (conquered) him (Satan) by means of the Blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death [holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing].”***

Weapon: Holy Communion

- Holy Communion is a powerful weapon in prevailing prayer. It is reminding the Lord of the new covenant in His Blood. The new covenant restored our rightful position lost by Adam. Jesus Christ took it back from Satan on the Cross and He gave it back to US!
- Let's look at some scriptures about communion.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:26 ***“For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are representing and signifying and proclaiming the fact of the Lord’s death until He comes again.”***
 - John 6:53 ***“And Jesus said to them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, you cannot have any life in you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood [unless you appropriate His life and the saving merit of His Blood].”***
- There is no limit on how often you partake of the Lord's table. Taking communion is in reality you taking the things Jesus purchased off the shelf including healing, peace, prosperity, victory over the devil, freedom from the curse of the law, deliverance from oppression of Satan

Weapon: Word of God

- The Word of God never fails. It ALWAYS accomplishes whatever it is sent to accomplish by God. We see in Isaiah 55:11 ***“So shall My Word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose and it shall prosper in the thing for which I have sent it.”***
- The Lord can't get any plainer than this. We can put our full confidence and trust in His Word!
- IT CANNOT FAIL! Speaking the Word of God into your situation WILL bring the desired end result because when you speak the “Rhema” word that God has given you for your situation, it WILL come to pass! He has purposed it already in His Word!

Weapon: Words of Our Mouth

- As we learned in the teaching on words: Words are very powerful. They either bring life or they bring death. The Bible says in Proverbs 18:21 “**Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for life or death].**”
- Your words tell the everyone listening what you really believe in your heart. Who is listening? God is listening. Satan is listening. People are listening.
- The Bible says in Matthew 15:18 “**But whatever comes out of the mouth comes from the heart, and this is what makes a man unclean and defiles him.**”
- Your words point back to your relationship with Jesus. How intimate is it? The closer you draw to Him, the more life will flow from your mouth. Your words will reflect what is in your heart.

Weapon: Words of Our Mouth

- You have petitioned God for a financial breakthrough. You have officially “confessed” that you believe this.
- If you don’t really believe it in your heart it will come out in words like, “I never catch a break” or “I’m believing but God isn’t listening I guess.” Or the ever-popular “God wants me poor so I’ll be humble.”
- These words are full of doubt and unbelief in God’s Word to accomplish what He says it will. It is doubting God’s motives of love towards you. And finally, these words completely agree with Satan’s strategy to KEEP YOU POOR!

Weapon: Praise & Thanksgiving

- When someone does something nice for you, what do you say? Of course you say Thank You! When you ask God for something, praise Him and thank Him for it from the moment you ask Him!
- Each day when you pray for the situation, you don't need to ask again, you just thank Him for it and give Him praise. Sooner or later it will come to you!
- I Thessalonians 5:18 says ***“Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will].”***
- God's will through Jesus Christ is for us to be thankful, to thank Him for everything. Not just our requests, but everything!
- Praise and thanksgiving are powerful weapons that increase your faith in God and decrease your fear of the situation.

Weapon: Child-Like Faith

- Child-like Faith – is critical in prevailing in prayer. Why? Because little children are fully persuaded that what their Father says is true. They don't doubt it for a second.
- That is what makes child-like faith so powerful a weapon. When the devil sees that he can't persuade you to doubt God, he has to flee!

Weapon: Praying in The Holy Spirit

- We should pray in the Spirit every day to build up our faith. However, in spiritual warfare, praying in the Holy Spirit is critical to getting victory. Why?
 - Satan doesn't understand the language of the Spirit.
 - The Spirit of God knows exactly what the Father wants because He is His Spirit!
 - Praying in the Holy Spirit, strengthens us at all levels of our being. Physically, mentally and spiritually.
 - Breakthroughs come in the Spirit. You can hit a gusher during these times of praying in the Holy Spirit!
- Romans 8:26 says ***“So too the Holy Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.”***

Weapon: Agreement of Believers

- The Bible says that one can put a thousand to flight, but two can put ten thousand to flight! That is the power of agreement.
- Matthew 18:19-20 says ***“Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven. For whenever two or three are gathered (drawn together as My followers) in My Name, there I AM in the midst of them.”***

Conclusion – Part 1

- A powerful prayer life can change not only your world, but the world around you and beyond.
- Jesus said “wait in Jerusalem for the power from on high” and then go out into the rest of the world! They did just that. We all have a Jerusalem, a Judea, a Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth.
- Through prayer, right on our knees before God, we can make a significant impact in the world. I pray that through these teachings, you will get the revelation of just how much power and authority you have to really advance the Kingdom of God! Souls is what it’s all about folks.