

The Power of Prevailing Prayer

This workshop is on the Power of Prevailing Prayer. During this time we are going to learn how to tap into the power of the Holy Spirit through prevailing prayer to get the victories for Jesus that He has called us to win! Get out your notebooks, pens, highlighters or techno gadgets and let's learn how to get major victories through prevailing prayer!

Workshop Objectives

- We are going to learn:
 - What prevailing prayer means
 - Prevailing Prayer Through the Bible
 - The Conditions of Prevailing Prayer
 - The Principles of Prevailing Prayer
 - The Tools of Prevailing Prayer
 - The Secret to Prevailing Prayer Victories
 - The Rewards of Prevailing Prayer

What Does Prevailing Prayer Mean?

- The Definition of Prevail:
 - 1. To be greater in strength or influence; triumph: *prevailed against the enemy.*
 - 2. To be or become effective; win out: *hoped justice would prevail.*
 - 3. To be most common or frequent; be predominant: *a region where snow and ice prevail.*
 - 4. To be in force, use, or effect; be current: *an ancient tradition that still prevails.*
 - 5. To use persuasion or inducement successfully.
- Here are some other definitions of prevailing prayer:
 - Prevailing prayer is praying until the victory is manifested. Until you can see it, feel it and smell it.
 - Prevailing prayer is grabbing the hem of His garment and not letting go until the blood stops.
 - Prevailing prayer is to ask until He answers, to knock until He opens the door, to seek until He is found.
 - Prevailing prayer is watching the devil turn tail and run away in terror.

We Are In a War!

From the moment we were conceived, war was declared on us by Satan. Why? Satan does NOT want any more people born because we look just like God the Father! He begins the war by trying to kill us in the womb through miscarriage or abortion. If we make it out of the womb, he then starts trying to destroy us through childhood trauma that haunts us into adulthood. He continues to relentlessly keep us from finding Jesus and His Blood, and especially receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit--the real source of a believer's power. Everything that God wants us to have, Satan wants to steal and kill and destroy it all.

BUT, just because he wants it does NOT mean we have to let him take from us! Prevailing prayer is at the height of spiritual warfare. It is literally the heat of the battle! Satan is ruthless, he is cruel and he is merciless. His main objective for each one of us is to destroy our relationship with God, to steal everything we have and to eventually kill us and drag us into hell. But God! He has given us all the weapons we need to totally defeat ALL of Satan's attacks. We just need to learn how to use them!

Prevailing Prayer in the Bible

There are several examples of prevailing prayer found throughout the Bible. Let's look at a few of them.

Jacob's Wrestling Match – Genesis 32:24-3

“And Jacob was left alone, and a Man wrestled with him until daybreak. And when [the Man] saw that He did not prevail against [Jacob], He touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him. Then He said, Let Me go, for the day is breaking. But Jacob said I will not let You go unless You declare a blessing upon me.”

Verse 27-28 says “[The Man] asked him, what is your name? And [in shock of realization, whispering] he said, Jacob (supplanter, schemer, trickster, swindler)! And He said, Your name shall be called no more Jacob [supplanter], but Israel [contender with God]; for you have contended and have power with God and with men and have PREVAILED.”

Jacob was at a crossroads in his life. He had tricked his brother out of their father's blessing and the birthright by pretending to be Esau when Isaac gave the blessing. Now here he was years later with wives and children, servants and animals galore. He was on his way to meet his brother Esau and he was terrified. He sent droves of animals before him as presents for Esau. Finally he sent his entire family across the river and he was left alone. He was alone in the wilderness and God came to him. So many times we get the greatest breakthroughs in the wilderness alone with God.

Jacob wrestled with a Man, which I believe is Jesus Christ--The second Person of the Godhead. They wrestled all night long! The day was about to break and the “Man saw that He did NOT prevail against Jacob.” Here we see Jacob is AGAIN going after a blessing. He was willing to fight God Himself for this blessing! Jacob said “I will not let You go unless You declare a blessing upon me.” It was at this time that God changed Jacob’s name to Israel which means “contender with God”. The Lord said “for you have contended and have power with God and with men and have prevailed.” And He declared a blessing for Jacob right then and there.

Lessons From Jacob

- 📖 What can we learn from this story?
 - 📖 This is a perfect picture of persistence in prayer. Jacob refused to let go until he got his victory.
 - 📖 God even changed his name because he PREVAILED with God!
 - 📖 God loves persistence and refusal to let go! It moves Him to act.
 - 📖 Jacob had pit bull faith. He latched on and wouldn’t let go until he got victory.
 - 📖 We too must get as determined as Jacob was to get our victory.
 - 📖 We must be willing to contend and wrestle as long as it takes to get victory.

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Daniel's Intercession

The book of Daniel has some of the most powerful insights into intercessory prayer and spiritual warfare in the Bible. We are going to look at Daniel 10, where Daniel had been fasting and praying for the nation of Israel. Daniel knew from the Word that Israel's deliverance time was near and he began to intercede for the nation. The entire chapter of 9 is a powerful prayer for the nation. In chapter 10 we see Daniel adding a fast into the mix "***In those days I, Daniel was mourning for full three weeks. "I ate no pleasant bread or desirable food, nor did any meat or wine come into my mouth. I did not anoint myself at all for the full three weeks."*** (Daniel 10:2-3)

On the 24th day, Daniel encountered a warrior angel. Here we see those words again "so I was left alone and saw this great vision." The angel said to Daniel in verse 11, "***And [the angel] said to me, O Daniel, you greatly beloved man, understand the words that I speak to you and stand upright, for to you I am now sent....Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day you set your mind and heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come as a consequence of [and in response to] your words."*** (Daniel 10:11).

Here is the reason Daniel had to PREVAIL in prayer: verse 13 says "***But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief [of the celestial] princes, came to help me, for I remained there with the kings of Persia."*** (Isaiah 10:13).

The kings of Persia are the spiritual wickedness in the second heavens or "high places" as seen in Ephesians. These are very powerful beings because they held off an angel of the Lord for 21 days. Michael the Archangel who is over the warrior angels had to come to fight through so the Angel could get there with the vision from God for Daniel.

Why the fierce battle in the heavenlies over Daniel's prayer for his nation? Because God was ready to bring Israel back from exile. Their time of exile was over according to prophesy. And the nation was living back in Israel when Jesus walked the earth. It had to be. Satan didn't want Jesus coming to this earth. He had been trying to stop the Messiah from coming since the Garden of Eden. In parting the angel said this to Daniel in verses 20 & 21 of chapter 10: "***Then he said do you know why I have come to you? And now I will return to fight with the [hostile] prince of Persia; and when I have gone, behold, the [hostile] prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. There is no one who holds with me and strengthens himself against these [hostile spirit forces] except Michael, your prince [national guardian angel]."***(Daniel 10:20-21)

Job's Trial & Tribulation

Job's story is one of not losing faith in the face of crushing blows from the enemy. Job is another book in the Bible that is full of spiritual war principles if you dig for them. Job was the wealthiest man in the entire region of the known world at that time. Job believed God. He loved God and he feared God. Because of his faith, God blessed him with great wealth, including 10 beautiful children. Life was very good to Job. Until one day, Satan set his heart against Job because he saw an opening into the hedge God had placed around him. Fear. Let's look closer at this situation.

Job had a problem with his sons. They loved to party. Since he had 7 sons and 3 daughters, they partied every time one of them had a birthday. They got drunk to put it bluntly. Job 1:5 says ***“And when the days of their feasting were over, Job sent for them to purify and hallow them, and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, “it may be that my sons have sinned and cursed or disowned God in their hearts. Thus did Job at all such times.”*** Guess who was observing this? Satan. He goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour remember?

Satan went to the Throne of God and petitioned for Job to destroy him. God allowed him to attack because of the **fear** Job had. He had spoken it out of his mouth. This is why words are so important. It gave Satan legal ground. BUT God set parameters on what Satan could do to him. So Satan attacked and killed all of Job's children, stole his wealth and killed his servants. All Job had left was his wife who told him to curse God and die! What did Job say about God after all this? Verse 21 says ***“Naked (without possessions) came I into this world from my mother's womb, and naked (without possessions) shall I depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed (praised and magnified in worship) be the Name of the Lord!”***

Job did not sin even after all that. So Satan went back to the Throne of God to push the issue even further. Satan then asked for permission to touch his physical body. God allowed it but again He set parameters on what Satan could do to Job's physical body. He could not take his life. So Satan attacked his body with loathsome and painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. The poor man couldn't even walk! So his wife says in verse 9 ***“do you still hold fast your blameless uprightness? Renounce God and die!”***

What did Job say to that? Verse 10 says ***“Shall we accept [only] good at the hand of God and shall we not accept [also] misfortune and what is of a bad nature?”*** Still Job held fast to his faith in God. Here come Job's 3 friends. They had good intentions. They spent the better part of the book of Job discussing Job's situation basically telling Job that he must have done something wrong. Finally Job speaks to God Himself and the Lord gets him back on track spiritually. And God rebukes his friends for giving Job wrong council regarding

Him. In the end, Job intercedes for his friends and God turned his captivity and blessed him double what he had before!

Lessons From Job

- Sometimes, in spite of our best efforts, we get attacked unmercifully by Satan. He seems to literally come in like a flood!
- God knows what we are made of in our hearts but Satan does not. God was confident Job would prevail and he did! He won't allow Satan to do more than we can fight off.
- Sometimes, well-meaning friends can get us off track by wrong counsel. Job's friends just knew he did something wrong. This angered God that they presumed to speak for Him things to Job that He didn't agree with.
- When we get alone with Him, He will get us re-focused and He will bring us out...we will PREVAIL!

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The Upper Room

The disciples and followers of Jesus went back to Jerusalem in an upper room to wait for the Holy Spirit to come just as Jesus commanded them to. Everyone was in this room, in total unity and agreement. They were expecting the Holy Spirit to come any moment. They waited 120 days in that room. That is determination! They knew they could not proceed any further until they got the power from on high like Jesus told them. They were not disappointed. He came in like a mighty rushing wind and He has been here ever since moving in the lives of the Body of Christ...like you and me!

Let's look at the book of Acts, chapter 2 starting in verse 1 ***“And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place, when suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.” (Acts 2:1-3)***

Verse 4 says ***“And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].”(Acts 2:4)***

These early believers prevailed through prayer and perseverance waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit to come.

Lessons from the Upper Room

- When you know that you know that you know that God has said “yes” to your request/petition, then wait for it by praying day by day...believing day by day.
- Prevailing prayer requires diligence. It requires bull dog faith. When you know you've got God's agreement--latch on and don't let go until you see the victory!
- Get agreement for your situation! The believers were in one accord in one place, praying for the same thing and the same time.

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The Conditions of Prevailing Prayer

In order for you to prevail in your prayer battle there are a few conditions that have to be in place.

- YOU MUST BE FULLY PERSUADED—A MADE UP MIND
- YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO STAND AND BELIEVE
- YOU MUST SEE WITH THE EYES OF FAITH
- YOUR VICTORY MUST BE IN YOUR HEART
- YOUR WORDS MUST MATCH YOUR HEART

Let's look at each of these conditions a little closer. While we discuss them, begin to ask examine yourself in the light of these conditions for the battle you are facing.

YOU MUST BE FULLY PERSUADED – A MADE UP MIND

What does “fully persuaded” mean? Basically it is a made up mind. A made up mind means that the issue is settled for you. The Apostle Paul mentions this in Romans 4:21 “*And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform.*” Paul is talking about Abraham here about to sacrifice Isaac.

Here are some other ways to say “fully persuaded” in other versions of the Bible:

- “Now being fully assured” New American Standard Bible
- “And being certain” Basic English Bible
- “And being absolutely certain” Weymouth Bible
- “And having been fully persuaded” Young’s Literal Bible

This is a critical step because if you are not fully persuaded that you already have the victory in Jesus Christ, Satan will be able to move you off your position. To prevail is to be absolutely certain you are in the right, and that God is on YOUR side and that He has already issued a victory to you!

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YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO STAND AND BELIEVE

Now that you have been fully persuaded that victory is yours, you need to prepare yourself to stand and believe. Ephesians 6:13 says “*Therefore put on God’s complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day, and, having done all, to stand firmly in your place.*” Verse 14 says “*Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God.*” Ephesians 15-17 goes on to show us how to put on the whole armor of God that enables us to stand.

To stand is to take up your position. To put on your armor and be ready to fight off any and all resistance of the enemy to push you off your position. To believe is to be fully persuaded that you have the victory and you are not going to look at the circumstances, no matter how depressing and desperate they are. You must realize that everything we strive to bring to pass that glorifies God is going to be resisted.

- Healing is going to be resisted.
- Financial deliverance is going to be resisted.
- God’s blessing of children is going to be resisted.
- Salvations and breakthroughs are going to be resisted.

Anything you begin to believe God for is going to be resisted. You have to make up your mind to believe and you have to prepare to stand until the victory is in your hands.

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YOU MUST SEE WITH THE EYES OF FAITH

The “eyes of faith” is your vision for this victory. The Bible says in Proverbs 29:18 “*where there is no vision, the people perish; but he who keeps the law—blessed is he.*” Every prayer battle you engage in must have a vision from God. It is one of the conditions that must be met before you begin. Ask Him to give you the vision He has for this victory. Because He does have the vision for it!

When He gives you the vision of the victory or the desired end result, you have something to pursue. Write the vision down in your prayer journal and write down every time you see God move to bring it closer to you. Ponder and think on the vision. Thank Him for bringing

it to pass every day. The eyes of faith always see the desired end result. Faith only sees the victory and it bare acknowledges Satan’s plots to derail you. Keep chasing that vision!

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Your Victory Must Be In Your Heart

- Luke 6:45 says *“The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure (stored) in his heart produces what is upright, and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings for that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks.”*
- Mark 11:22-24 says *“And Jesus, replying, said to them, Have faith in God [constantly]. Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, Be lifted up and thrown into the sea! AND DOES NOT DOUBT AT ALL IN HIS HEART but believes that what he says will take place; it will be done for him. For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will get it.”*
- *Romans 10:10 says “For with the HEART a person believes in Christ and is justified, and with the MOUTH he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms his salvation.”*
- You MUST believe in your heart that you have the victory. It is literally a deal-breaker if you don’t. If you don’t really believe it in your heart, you will be easily moved off your position by Satan. It’s that simple.
- I’ve heard Perry Stone call it “the 18 inch drop” from your head to your heart. Remember, we worship God in SPIRIT and in truth. God lives in the SPIRIT realm. The heart is the spirit of man. If your stand is in your head and not your heart, you don’t believe it. Unbelief is really coming into agreement with Satan’s plan for you. How can you tell if it is in your head and not your heart? **BY THE WORDS OF YOUR MOUTH.** They tell what you REALLY believe.
- Before you can begin to make your stand and press in for victory, you have to have it in your heart. Why is this so important? Because once it is in your heart, **IT IS GOING TO BE SPOKEN OUT OF YOUR MOUTH.** And your words will bring about the reality of your vision. In due season, **YOU WILL Win!**

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Your Words Must Match What is in Your Heart

■ This last condition is equally critical to prevailing in prayer. Your WORDS are so important. There are two basic principles for prevailing prayer and your words.

- 1. By your words you agree with God OR
- 2. By your words you agree with Satan.

That's it in a nutshell. Let's look at a couple of examples of words in a prayer stand.

■ Jenny is "believing" God for her marriage to be healed. Her husband is lost and has no interest in God. Jenny's every day words are "he'll never change, I've been believing God for years and he just gets worse and worse! Why am I wasting my time on him? Is Jenny really believing God? Is her vision in her heart? NO...it's not.

■ Susie is also "believing" God for her husband. He's Jenny's husband's best friend. She too has been standing for years and she spoke like Jenny did until she learned about her words. Now she says in her everyday life "my husband has the mind of Christ, and he loves the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind and strength in Jesus' Name!"

■ Who do you think is going to see a husband come to Jesus? Who do you think is going to receive the victory by prevailing in prayer? Yes...Susie is. Sooner or later, it will happen. It takes a made up mind to persevere regardless of the current circumstances. It takes faith planted in your heart, and it takes the agreement of your words to prevail. These conditions make a fertile ground for victorious prevailing prayer.

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The Principles of Prevailing Prayer

📖 This is the heart of this teaching. This is what I do when I am in a prayer battle or assignment. I've learned this over the years of studying the Word and in battle experiences. I pray that you can use what I have learned to experience victory in your own life.

- 📖 MAKE YOUR PETITION TO GOD
- 📖 OBTAINING YOUR "RHEMA" WORD FROM GOD
- 📖 KNOWING YOUR ENEMY
- 📖 KNOWING WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST
- 📖 COUNT THE COST
- 📖 UNDERSTANDING YOUR WEAPONS
- 📖 PUTTING ON YOUR ARMOR
- 📖 ENGAGING IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE
- 📖 THE PRAYER "BURDEN"
- 📖 MAKING YOUR STAND...AND STANDING

Make Your Petition Known To God

📖 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."***

📖 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.

📖 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 to Make Your Petition Known To God

📖 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. 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.
- 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. 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.
- Now Daniel begins his petition in earnest. Here is what he brings to the Lord, He states the reason they are in this mess is their sin and wickedness by turning away from Him. (verses 5-6); He acknowledges and repents of the evil done by his nation that causes the captivity. (verses 7-16).
- 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).
- 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.
- 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 in Isaiah 1:18 “***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.” 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.

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Obtaining Your Rhema Word From God

- What is a "Rhema" word? It means "utterance." It is used to differentiate between the "logos" word, which means "written." A Rhema word "speaks" to you from the pages of the Bible or the Holy Spirit speaks it into your spirit. However it comes, it is exactly what you need for the situation you are in to give you hope. A Rhema word is necessary to help you hold on when all seems lost.
- For me, the Rhema word comes after I make my petition and I start reading in the Word. The Lord leads me to where the word is and once I see it, it literally does "speak" to me! This is my anchor. This word sustains me through the battle. I write it down and put it in my prayer book. It helps build my faith. When you know you have God's agreement for the battle, you can wait Satan out!

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Know Your Enemy

- The Apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 2:11 "To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his wiles and intentions." Any great general will tell you that it is important to know your enemy. To know how they think, what their battle strategies are.
- Likewise, we need to understand how our enemy thinks and strategizes. Our enemy is Satan. He is the author of all lies and destructions in the earth today. In John 10:10 we see "The thief (Satan) comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows.)"

- The first thing you have to establish in your mind is that God is a good God and the devil is a bad devil. Attributing to God, things the devil does is a complete lack of faith and a slap in the face to our heavenly Father. Completely ignoring the wiles of the devil is equally foolish.
- Faith and trust in God and His promises is paramount in any prayer effort you are going to engage in. You must realize that Satan is the author of all stealing, killing and destroying done on planet earth. God is the author of all blessings and peace and good gifts. Once you understand this, you have a good foundation.
- How many times have we heard or said ourselves that “God put this cancer on me to teach me something” or “God wants me poor to teach me to be humble?” These statements are saying to God, “you have evil intentions towards me.” You don’t really love me. They are a complete lack of faith in a loving God. Faith must believe that God is and that He is a” rewarder” of those who diligently seek Him.
- Once you have established that God is a good God and the devil is a bad devil, then you can begin to learn about Satan’s wiles and schemes. Where do you find this out? In the Word of God. The book of Job shows his strategies; Jesus tells of his strategies, the book of Acts shows his strategies. Go to the Word of God and learn about his strategies, because he uses the same old tricks he always has.
- The book of Job shows us how Satan makes a case against us in the Court of Heaven. Jesus tells us in parables to bind the strong man. He tells us that when a devil is kicked out he goes into dry places and then returns to try and get back in. The book of Acts is full of the early Church Christians engaging in spiritual warfare. The Apostle Paul instructs us in Ephesians on our armor, our weapons and the wiles of the devil.
- When a football coach is going up against a team he knows is stronger than his team, what does he do? He watches film footage of that team playing a game to look for weaknesses and inroads he can make to beat that team. In other words, HE STUDIES THEM. Likewise, we also must learn in the Word exactly who our enemy is and what he is all about. Take the time to do a Word study on the devil. This is not giving the devil undue credit; this is being wise in knowing who you are coming up against when you engage in a prayer battle if you expect to prevail. It’s just part of it.

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Know Who You Are in Christ

- The authority of the believer is something that so many believers don't understand. They don't realize the level of authority that Jesus Christ purchased for us on that Cross. What is authority? Authority is being in a position to make decisions and take actions with the full support of the governing body. Let's look at an example of authority.
- Say you are in traffic and a traffic officer steps in front of your car and holds his hand out for you to stay put. But you are already late for an appointment and really want to just speed by him. What stops you? His AUTHORITY. He has the authority to put handcuffs on you and throw you into jail!
- Likewise Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-19 "***Jesus approached and breaking the silence, said to them, All AUTHORITY (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. GO then and make disciples of all nations ...***" Luke 10:19 says "***Behold! I have given you AUTHORITY and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power that the enemy possesses; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***"
- There is nothing in US that can do anything. It is the authority that Jesus Christ has given us. It is His Name and His Blood that gives us the victory! When you understand who you are in Christ. When you know and are confident that you can bind and loose all the power of the enemy, you are a force to be reckoned with!
- How do you get to this place? A place where you know who you are and that all the power of the enemy must bow when you speak in the authority of Jesus' Name? You get there through an intimate relationship with Him. You get there through His Word. You get there by praying in the Holy Spirit to build up your most holy faith!
- If you are unsure of your authority, then begin to do these things to build yourself up. Spend some quiet "fellowship" time with Him. Begin to study about the authority and what He expects us to do as far as prayer goes. If you have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, spend time praying in your heavenly language. If not, ask Jesus to Baptize you in the Holy Spirit, or find someone who can help you. When it finally "clicks" and you get it, ask the Lord to start giving your prayer assignments. He will!

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Count The Cost

- Luke 14:28 says *“For which of you, wishing to build a farm building, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see whether he has sufficient means to finish it? Luke 14:31 says “Or what king, going out to engage in conflict with another king, will not first sit down and consider and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand men to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?”*
- There is always a price to be paid for anything we try and accomplish in the kingdom of God. We are always going to be resisted by the devil. You have to count the cost of the prayer battle or assignment. You have to sit down and ask yourself if you are prepared to pray it through. Ask yourself these questions:
 - Do I really believe that I have a “yes” from God on this battle?
 - Do I know who I am and what my authority is?
 - Do I know how the devil operates?
 - Am I willing to stand until I get the victory? Weeks? Months? Years?
 - Is my faith solidly rooted in Him?
- If you can’t answer these questions with a yes. You can still proceed, but you need to take steps to prepare before trying to dive in. If you feel you are in over your head, then get some help! One can put a thousand to flight but two can put ten thousand to flight! That’s the beauty of the Body of Christ. Contact a group of intercessors or get a prayer partner. There is power in agreement!
- Say your child has gone into rebellion and drugs. They won’t listen to you and are openly defiant of your parental authority. How can you help them get back on track? This is a battle that could take years to see victory. Let’s face it; praying people into the kingdom of God is a vicious war in the eyes of Satan.
- When this situation arises and you have counted the cost and you find yourself ill-prepared to fight, then start where you are at. Begin to meet with Him, Study the Word on spiritual warfare and prayer, Get the baptism in the Holy Spirit and pray in the Spirit to build your faith and Get with seasoned prayer warriors to help you with the battle.

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Understanding Your Weapons

It is important that you understand the weapons that God has provided for you to be victorious. The Word says in Ephesians 10:4 “For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds.” What exactly are our weapons?

- The Name of Jesus
- The Blood of Jesus
- The Word of God
- The Words of our Mouth
- Praise & Thanksgiving
- Child-like Faith
- Praying in the Holy Spirit – Tongues
- Agreement of other Believers

These weapons are critical to prevail in prayer. These weapons are also tools to spiritual maturity. When we become proficient in these weapons, our relationship with Him will be that much more intimate and stronger! God is so full of benefits!

The 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.

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The Blood of Jesus

- The Blood of Jesus is the most powerful substance in the universe. 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.
- 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].*”
- As I said before, the Blood of Jesus Christ is the most powerful, the most precious and the most valuable substance in the entire universe. It ALONE has the power to save to the uttermost, to heal and to deliver. It has the power to transform a life no matter how far gone they may be. There is NO OTHER WAY to be saved from sin and a devil’s hell except through the BLOOD OF THE LAMB OF GOD JESUS CHRIST!
- The Blood of Jesus Christ is our victory, it is our foundation, and it is the ONLY way to enter into Heaven. In the Blood, we have healing, deliverance from oppression, prosperity and most importantly, the AUTHORITY to advance the Kingdom of God for His Glory! The bottom line about the Blood is this: The very same works that Jesus did in His earthly ministry are passed to US through the Blood that was poured out.
- The authority He operated in is now given to US to do the same works He did. We use the authority of the Blood against ALL the power of Satan because HE KNOWS THE BLOOD DEFEATED HIM! He can’t touch it; he can’t argue with it, he just has to flee. When the Blood is applied to your situation, Satan knows the game is over!

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How to Apply The Blood

- How do you apply the Blood of Jesus in a prayer situation? There is a wonderful book I recommend you read. It’s called “The Blood and the Glory” by Billye Brimm. The principles laid out in this book are excellent. There are a few ways to apply the Blood of Jesus that I want to share with you. Remember this one thing: Satan cannot argue with the Blood. He knows the game is over when you begin to apply the Blood of Jesus to it!

Drawing a Bloodline

- Every Blood-bought believer has the authority to draw a Blood Line around themselves, their property, their finances, their loved ones, their physical bodies and minds, their ministries and the list goes on to include EVERYTHING that concerns their lives. What is a Blood Line? It is the ultimate line in the sand to tell the devil his boundaries in our lives. The principle behind this is found in Exodus 12:6-7 says “*And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall each kill his lamb in the evening. They shall take of the blood and put it on the two side posts and on the lintel [above the door space] of the houses in which they shall eat the Passover lamb.*”
- The Israelites drew a blood line around their homes and families that the spirit of death could NOT cross. It was a type and a shadow of the Blood of the Lamb of God that Satan and all his forces to this day cannot cross! This principle in the Word of God is our example of God’s will in drawing a Blood line around our lives and situations, except the Blood we use is the Blood of Jesus Christ and we apply it by FAITH. Faith is the currency of heaven. Everything we do in the Kingdom of God must be done in FAITH!

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Holding the Blood of Jesus

- Holding the Blood takes drawing the Blood line a step further. To hold the Blood IS your faith stand. The Blood is held on the enemy until he flees. He MUST flee! He has NO choice! The Blood of Jesus demands it of him. Let’s look at some scriptures that show this principle.
- I Peter 5:9 says “*Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset—rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brothers in Christ.*”
- Mark 11:23 says “*Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, Be lifted up and thrown into the sea! And does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him.*”
- Ephesians 6:12-14 “*For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against*

the power, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.”

■ Galatians 6:9 says “*And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.*”

■ Every victory, every blessing from God is a fight. Satan does not want God to get any glory and he is going to hold on until he can't hold on any longer. HE HAS TO OUTLAST US, not US outlast him! He should be the one on the defensive. We have the dominion now, because we have the Blood of Jesus!

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The Price of the Blood

■ The price that God paid for our redemption from hell was the killing of Jesus Christ, the shedding of His sinless Blood to buy us back from damnation. It is through the Blood of the Lamb, that we can overcome ALL of Satan's attacks against us, our families and our finances. But even more precious is the restoration of our relationship with God the Father. We now have the right to come boldly to the Throne of Grace and to fellowship with Him like Adam did before the fall. Now that is good news!

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The Weapon of the Word

■ The Word of God never fails. It ALWAYS accomplishes whatever it is set 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! I 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!

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The Words of Your Mouth

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 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. Your words either agree with God or they agree with the devil. Let’s look at some examples.

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!**

I challenge you to observe for one week the words coming out of your mouth. See how many of them are words of life and words of death. Begin to study the Word on the tongue and the power of words. Get it into your heart, where real faith is issued. When you start to speak life, your whole world will change!

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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! Can I get a witness?
- 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!
- To prevail in prayer, praise and thanksgiving are powerful weapons that increase your faith in God and decrease your fear of the situation. Like the song says “Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face; and the things of this earth, will grow strangely dim--in the light of His glory and grace.”

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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!

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Putting On Your Armor

■ The armor of God is our defensive protection against the Satan's weapons. What are the components of the Armor of God?

- The Helmet of Salvation
- The Breastplate of Righteousness
- The Girdle of Truth
- The Gospel Shoes of Peace
- The Sword of the Spirit
- The Shield of Faith

The Helmet of Salvation

■ The helmet is a head protection. The helmet of salvation is the knowledge of our right standing with God through Jesus Christ. The helmet protects our mind. The Word says in 2 Timothy 1:7, that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound MIND. When a soldier puts his helmet on, he also puts his game face on. The Word says in Isaiah 50:7 ***“For the Lord God helps Me; therefore have I not been ashamed or confounded. Therefore have I set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.”***

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The Breastplate of Righteousness

■ The breastplate covers the torso or the heart...our spirit. Our innermost being. Our head and our heart are the two most vulnerable areas of attack. In war snipers go for the heart or the head to kill. Satan works against our minds and tries to turn our hearts against God. He tries to break our spirits so we will be ineffective in our lives. The breastplate of righteousness further states our righteous standing in God's sight through the Blood of Jesus.

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The Girdle of Truth

■ The girdle of truth is our foundation. Our foundation of who we are as believers and followers of Jesus Christ. You have to know in whom you believe right? 2 Timothy 1:12 says ***“...I am not ashamed, for I know in whom I believe, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard and keep that which I have committed to Him until that***

day.” This is the girdle of truth in action. We are fully persuaded that He has our back. He has our best interests at heart. We have the TRUTH of His Word which cannot fail!

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The Gospel Shoes of Peace

■ The beauty of Christianity is that Jesus is the ONLY one with the Peace of God! As Christians, we should be saturated with the peace of God every moment. That peace is only found in an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Peace found in His Presence. When we put on the gospel shoes of peace, we are taking the peace of God with us to a lost and dying world. This world has no peace. It is a cruel and fearful place without the Lord in it. We have the answer...let the gospel shoes of peace take His peace to the lost! In a battle, the peace of God keeps us steady and our faith focused on Him in confidence that we will prevail!

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The Sword of the Spirit

■ The sword of the Spirit is both a defensive weapon and an offensive weapon. It is what Jesus used in the wilderness to defeat Satan. “It is written...”Ephesians 6:17 says to “take the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God to defeat the enemy. The sword is generally hooked into the girdle, which is exactly where the foundation of the Word is. It is important that we read the Word of God often and do Word studies to get it down into our spirits. This is where the sword comes from. The Word is spoken out. That’s what changes things.

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The Shield of Faith

■ Finally, the shield of faith to cover and protect us from the fiery darts and missiles that Satan fires at us. Ephesians 6:16 says “Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked one.” Strong faith comes from a solid relationship with Jesus Christ. An intimate

relationship with Him. For then you are confident that your faith can stand...and having done all, continue to stand!

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Engaging in Spiritual Warfare

- As we saw earlier in this teaching, we entered this spiritual war at the moment we were conceived. Satan declares war on every human being conceived. It's inevitable that after you become born-again, that you will engage in spiritual warfare on a regular basis. These are the last days and the pressure of spiritual warfare is increasing. You can't bury your head in the sand. Every blessing, every promise, every soul is won through spiritual warfare. Sometimes short battles, sometime long battles, but battles nonetheless.
- Spiritual warfare is simply resisting the enemy until he flees using the weapons of our warfare that Jesus Christ purchased for us on that Cross. There is no special calling on it or special anointing on it. Every child of God will engage in spiritual warfare on a daily basis whether they call it that or not. It's just part of it.

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The Prayer Burden

- What is a prayer burden? A prayer burden is given by the Holy Spirit to a person to prevail in prayer for a specific person or event or season of time. It is the Holy Spirit praying through you for something that God wants accomplished on this earth. The prayer burden can last for any length of time the Holy Spirit chooses.
- The prayer burden WILL prevail because the Holy Spirit is doing it. There is nothing in us that is doing anything. There is no set protocol for the prayer burden. It is given as the Holy Spirit wills it. How many of you know what I'm talking about? Can I get a witness?

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Making Your Stand...And Standing!

- Ok so here we are, ready to make our stand. We learned about the weapons we need, we've learned about our armor, we got our words ready to go, we've made our petition to God. We've done all we can do. Now it's time to stand. Ephesians 6:13 says "There put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day of danger, and having done all the crisis demands, to stand firmly in your place."
- You are now walking on the water. Your faith is out there. What do you do now? Keep your eyes on Jesus Christ, who is the author and finisher of your faith. Don't look at the circumstances—rather look at the desired end result. Picture your victory in your mind and think on this when things look bleak. Expect the breakthrough to manifest every day. Look for it to happen any moment.

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The Rewards of Prevailing Prayer

- There are many rewards of a powerful prayer life. When God can use you to put your prayer life into action, you will get closer and closer to Him. What are some of the other rewards that come with a powerful prayer life? Let's look at a few of these rewards now.

Victory in Your Situation

- The first and most obvious reward is receiving the sweet victory in the situation you were standing for! It is a beautiful thing to see God bring victory into a hopeless situation. To see a life destined for destruction turned completely around. If the victory is a child returning or a disease healed, it's even sweeter!

A Testimony of God's Faithfulness

- Your victory brings glory to God! Now you have an awesome testimony to tell anyone who will listen! You never know but that this testimony might be instrumental in someone coming into the kingdom of God! When you get the victory...shout it out!

You'll Come Out Stronger

- There is a saying out there that says "what doesn't kill you, makes you stronger." When you come out of a hard fought battle victorious, you are stronger and wiser and better able to understand next time what you need to do to defeat and get the victory even quicker next time.

Wisdom in the Things of God

- With all experiences in life, wisdom is gained to be used in the next battle or situation. Understanding and knowledge are companions of wisdom. When you prevail in prayer, the steps you took to gain victory are the building blocks to the new levels of wisdom, understanding and knowledge you have achieved.

Treasures in Heaven

- Everything we do for the kingdom of God is a treasure that is deposited into our heavenly bank account. Every prayer, every song, every act of love, every encouraging word and every battle won with lives changed. It all is counted up before God like sweet smelling incense. Every life lived for Him wholeheartedly emits this wonderful aroma that He loves.

Increase in Your Spiritual Stature

- Did you know that every time you prevail in a prayer battle, there is an increase, a growth spurt in your spiritual stature? God will begin to move you into new levels as you mature and grow stronger in Him. Beloved, there is NOTHING boring about a life lived for God! The deeper you go, the more adventure you encounter!

Spiritual Maturity

- Experiences, especially hard experiences that are overcome bring a measure of spiritual maturity. As time goes on, and He continues to use you in prayer assignments, your level of maturity will grow. All of the things that go into prevailing prayer will serve to bring you to spiritual maturity in Him. And that is where we are all heading isn't it?

The Secret of Prevailing Prayer Victories

- What is the secret to prevailing prayer? Very simple:

NOT GIVING UP!

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