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“Doing Battle”: The Intercession of the Saints

There is a two-fold approach in intercession. One is very intense the other is more passive; both are equally powerful and important. In order for intercession to be its most effective, it is important that we understand the use of these two aspects of intercession. It is also important to know that it is not we who determine which to use; it is pressed in upon us by the Holy Spirit who, alone, knows the intricacies of the people and situations for whom we pray. It is He who will compel us or nudge our spirit to pray along a certain line.

“We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Eph. 6:12

Intensive Intercession

The key words above are “wrestle” and “principalities and rulers.” Powers...principalities...rulers...identify who our enemy is: unseen spiritual forces that hide behind physical costuming to distract us with irrelevant issues and divert us from the real issue. These forces carry the weight of authority in the spiritual realm. They are spiritually powerful. The only viable response to such an enemy is a fight of great intensity and ferocity. Paul’s use of the word “wrestle” tells us that. A Greek athletic term referring to a contest between

two wrestlers intent on throwing the other. The contest is decided when one of the combatants is able to press and hold down his opponent usually with his hand upon his neck. It is hand-to-hand combat of which Paul speaks, and it is of particular ferocity. The loser in Greek wrestling had his eyes gouged out, rendering him permanently blind. When Paul used this language, the people understood the desperate magnitude of spiritual warfare and the demands it placed on them.

Prayer serves as an invisible shield that surrounds all of the spiritual armor. It is to be persistent and at times intense. When is this kind of [fierce] intercession needed? When life and death issues related to salvation or to spiritual authority - or strongholds - are involved. Strongholds are places where spiritual authority in a believer or non-believer’s life has been ceded to Satan. In a non-believer’s life, Satan is the ruler of the darkness of their world and *Prayer is the essential spiritual tiller that loosens the soil that keeps them rooted in Satan’s turf.* Satan does not have this commanding authority in a Christian’s life so he works to secure whatever soulish turf he can in order to disable, immobilize and render ineffective a believer’s life or witness. Satan has prevailing authority in a non-believer’s life. His hand is on the throat of the non-believer. Though His hand is not on the throat of a believer in the same way, it will grip whatever regions of the soul (as opposed to the spirit) we cede to him through our behaviors,

loyalties, attitudes and focus. Any addictive or obsessive/compulsive issue is, therefore, a stronghold, where Satan has reclaimed his lost authority in a patch of the believer's soul. Pornography, alcoholism, drug or gambling or shopping addictions, sexual addiction including pedophilia abusers, physical as well as sexual, indicate strongholds, as can rage and phobias.

Strongholds can get set up in any number of ways from a single traumatic event to a long-term, chronically distorted or dysfunctional environment. A one-time use of certain illicit drugs *can* establish a stronghold as can a single exposure to pornography though it doesn't always in either instance. Once casual disobedience or occasional defiance morph either into a pattern of behaviors or increasingly become unmanageable and seem to be more in control of us than we are of them, it signals the transference of authority from God to Satan along that line through our free will choices. It is in this arena that aggressive intercession often is required.

Intercessory Prayer gets at these strongholds. Christ's statement regarding the inability of his disciples to cast out a demon - "*this kind comes out only by prayer and fasting*" - was reflective of this strategic role of prayer in the spiritual realm. It is through intensive intercessory prayer that Satan is thrown and his neck is held to the ground.

This cannot be accomplished through casual, sporadic prayer

Any more than a Greek wrestler could win his match through causal, intermittent efforts.

And why would he want to be that way with the stakes so high?

...Which is the point for us.

We are lulled into a slumber. Satan's strongholds prevail. Our necks are held to the ground and we are made blind.

... And prayer seems Inconsequential.

But what if there were a community of believers who roused up to take hold of Satan's neck in intercession?

Who engaged a fierce battle with a fierce weapon and fierce resolve?

What might we find?

What might we come to know of God...

...of earth, and of heaven and hell in combat here?

What might we witness of the Kingdom here?

We will never know until we try it...

until we engage a titanic battle and know the stakes are high and decide they are worth fighting for.

This Fall...I Will be Teaching on Topics – some for Prayer Partners Only and others Open to Everyone – that directly Affect How we Pray:

- **Strongholds**
- **The Law of the Generations**
- **The Mystery of Blessing**

The Chapel needs to become not just a place of God's Peace but of supernatural Blessing as we embark with Him on new adventures in prayer.

***I Invite You
To be a Part of our
Intercessory Prayer Partnership
As we Partner with God
For the Accomplishment of His Purposes
Here on Earth.***

It will include specialized prayer "pods" that target areas listed on the Post-It Board which has been re-run from last month's e-gram due to the large number of delivery failures incurred because of size.

I will also be teaching on the underpinnings and requirements of the "aggressive" Intercession addressed in this E-Gram at a date as yet to be determined but before September.

RSVP your Interest by REPLYing to this e-gram or leaving a message at the ministry office: 972-722-1905

The nature and role of "Passive Intercession" will be covered in next month's Prayergram.

Post- It Note Board

Prayer Partners

Critical Needs often require added focus or intensity in prayer, especially as we understand that prayer is about “doing battle” in the spiritual realm (Eph. 6). One aspect of our **Prayer Partners** is intended to fill this more intense focus. The prayer list will be broken down into different areas of need, all of which may be prayed for, but if you would like especially to focus on 1 or 2...let me know. Check post-it notes below for more info.

1.

Addictions / Strongholds

Intensive / spiritual warfare
“binding the Strong Man”

2.

Critical / Urgent Health Needs

3.

Salvation

4.

Relationships / Family Crisis

5.

Salvation

Will be teaching on these
aspects of
Intercessory Prayer
this summer - probably a
Saturday
a.m. (plus Friday evening?)

Prayer Team and Prayer
Partners

See Kaye Sinkule - in Parlor
Wednesday Morning - for
Prayer. 9:00

Questions / Sign Up

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Help Make
Chapel & Garden a
Center of Prayer
For Community, etc.

Noon Hour has
someone praying daily.
Need people for 11:00
or 1:00 - any day

*You have not gone up into the gaps,
neither made up the hedge for the
house of Israel to stand in battle in
the day of the Lord.*

Ezekiel 13:5

I Welcome Your Feedback on this Prayer Gram (just REPLY to this email).

If you know of others who might like to receive it you may forward it to them, but let us know of their email address as well so we may send it to them in the future.