



Message Notes

Winning Against Evil – Pray!

Ephesians 6

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace...¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one, ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God! ¹⁸**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.**

¹⁹**Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.**

We must grasp:

- Evil's Reality & Strategy— (Lies and Temptation)
- Our Vulnerability (Holes)
- God's Victory (Realized in Our Lives)

- * Buckled up with Truth, His truths and truthfulness!
- * The Breastplate of Righteousness in place!
- * Feet fitted with Readiness that comes from the Gospel of Peace
- * Take up the Shield of Faith which extinguishes all the flaming arrows of the evil one!
- * Take the Helmet of Salvation!
- * And the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God!

and _____ !

Prayer, Prayers and Pray-ers all _____!

Jeremiah 29 ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the LORD,

Prayer places us where we _____ need to be— in the presence of God!

2 Chronicles 7 ¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Psalms 27 ⁴ One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Praying accesses the “armor” and helps us get _____!

Ephesians 6 ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints

Pray is vital for attacking the enemy with _____ for battles within ourselves and for the sake of others!

Matthew 6 ⁹ "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Prayer is vital for “ _____ “ the Kingdom of God!

Ephesians 6:19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Resources::

“Walking with God” by John Eldredge

“A Daily Prayer” - Print & Audio versions available free from

www.ransomedheart.com under “MP3 Downloads”

“Satan’s Lies” by Mike Newman

PRAYER & DEVOTION

Over the next week I encourage you to practice personal connection with God! Hear His refreshing words of hope as we learn to trust Him everyday! Trusting Jesus will bring positive change and deep purpose into our lives. Spending some time everyday with God in prayer and contemplation on some Bible passages is a simple, but life-changing encounter! The following schedule of scripture readings will give you an opportunity to unpack some of what God says about "Praying as a part of winning against evil."!

Helpful Hints:

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on "words and phrases" which grab your heart's attention.
Ask God, "What do You want me to hear?" "Why this word at this time?"
"How are You inviting me to respond?"
- 4) Pray everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!
Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him

Prayer and Devotion Guide

November 15-20

Monday **Philippians 4:4-7**

Personal Notes:

Tuesday **Luke 11:1-13**

Personal Notes:

Wednesday **Psalms 84:1-4, 10-12**

Personal Notes:

Thursday: **Colossians 4:2-6**

Personal Notes:

Friday: **2 Chronicles 7:13-15**

Personal Notes:

Saturday: **Psalms 96**

Personal Notes:

“Kingdom Praying”

A Personal and Small Group Experience

As we wrap up this series on “Winning Against Evil” the word of God takes us to our knees in prayer. Prayer is vital for our own personal “win” against evil every day but extremely vital for the advancement of the Kingdom of God everyday. The Kingdom of God advances heart by heart everyday as people come to faith in Jesus Christ and their eternal address changes. It advances as God by His grace and power breaks through spiritual strongholds in people’s lives, families, cities, and nations. Pray is vital for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in individuals lives, families and society. Point of Grace must be a praying church made up of praying people because we are called to “Connect Real People to a Real God” in this area and the world beyond.

As you read the following scripture references discuss the following.
(Not all questions will apply to all texts.)

What is this saying about the advancement of the Kingdom of God and/or the role of prayer in Kingdom advancement in our day?

How does this text call to my heart this day?

How does this text encourage me to pray?

Is God saying anything in this text with regards to Kingdom of God advancement at Point of Grace?

2 Chronicles 7:11-16 specifically vs.14

Colossians 4:2-6

Acts 4:23-31

I purposely did not include very many scripture passages this week so that you could spend more time “praying boldly” for the Kingdom of God to advance. Here are some prayer starter suggestions. Run with it!

- Evangelism at Point of Grace through each of us individually and specifically through the Alpha Course. This course is wrapping up and a new one starts in February.
- Individuals we each know that are far from God or captive to the bondage of a sin or evil.
- Our culture city, nation and world—for the Kingdom of God to truly come!