



Week 13: October 2 – October 8, 2022

This week in *The Battle Plan for Prayer* chapters 25 - 26, we will read about the Ways of God and Praying Offensively.

The authors mention in *The Battle Plan for Prayer Bible Study Guide*, “part of a good prayer strategy is knowing how to pray against evil. We all know, of course, the dangers that lurk within temptation. We’re well familiar with the Enemy’s arrows of fear, anger, lust, and jealousy. But going into prayer offensively is a positive way – praying for the advancement of love, life, and truth.” <sup>1</sup>

The Kendrick brothers also say, “there are times we need to pray defensively but we need an offensive prayer game plan, as well. Offensively we need to pray for God to open doors for the gospel, send forth laborers into the harvest field, pour out His Holy Spirit in revival, to fill us with His love and the knowledge of His will, to use our spiritual gifts in His service, and to raise up a generation who will honor his name.” <sup>2</sup>

Let me tell you about God’s answer to an offensive prayer that was prayed several years ago in the beginning days of Equip America. We began praying for field workers in the Pacific Northwest. God answered our prayer by sending us John and Sheila Schweizer. When we met John and Sheila, they had just begun a dating relationship and they were interested in learning how to share their faith with confidence. Sheila had participated in a Billy Graham Evangelism Conference and had a little evangelism training but wanted more. We began a relationship with John and Sheila that resulted in their becoming Implementation Field Workers in Washington State. To see how they’ve grown in their walk with Christ, their confidence to share the gospel and their ability to teach and train others to multiply witnesses has been a thrill and joy.

Today, John and Sheila are conducting Share Your Faith Workshops, Participating in Equip Americas, assisting churches to equip the body of Christ to share their faith, and trying to get a Hope for Kids movement started in Washington State. In fact, pray specifically for John and Sheila as they work toward Hope for Kids Certification on October 21-22 in Tracey, CA. God is doing great and amazing things because this couple – now married and serving the Lord together, answered God’s call to serve Him and the Kingdom is growing and multiplying in the Pacific Northwest. We prayed offensively for open doors, for laborers in the field in WA, for

someone to answer the call for service through the EE ministry in this region and God heard our prayers and sent John and Sheila. Hallelujah! To God be the Glory!

Thank you for praying offensively with us in the battle for the lives of men, women, boys and girls. Thank you for praying for open doors, laborers, pastors, spiritual awakening, revival, and on and on. We are in this together. Let's keep praying! God will keep answering!

#### Notes

1. Stephen and Alex Kendrick, *The Battle Plan for Prayer Bible Study*, (Lifeway Press, 2015), p. 111.
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#### -----Daily Reflections-----

The fact is.... God is good and He is preparing good things for us, we need to be actively seeking and asking for these good things. Let's commit to pray loving prayers, asking God to bless, provide, and be glorified and do more than we could ask or imagine. Why? Because His glory is the ultimate goal of all praying.

The Kendrick brothers say that one of the best defenses is a great offense. Don't just pray against hardship, but pray for blessings also. For instance, instead of praying against a divorce, ask God to make your marriage a beautiful picture of the gospel of Christ and His love for His bride, and that HE will use you to minister to others and advance the kingdom through your loving relationship as husband and wife.

Instead of praying that your church leaders won't fight during a business meeting, pray for loving unity and revival to break out, resulting in greater ministry opportunities.

Read Romans 12:21 and Colossians 1:9-12. Make notes about the apostle Paul and his mind-set when praying for his brothers and sisters in the faith. How would you like someone to pray for you like that?

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Weekly Prayer Requests for Week 13: October 2 – October 8, 2022

**ADORATION:** praising God for who He is and what He has done.

O Sovereign Lord, You are God! Your words are true and You have promised good things to your servant. (2 Samuel 7:28). We will sing of Your lovingkindness and justice; To You, O Lord, we will sing praises. (Psalm 101:1). The sum of Your words is truth, and all of Your righteous judgments are eternal. (Psalm 119: 160). You are the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. (Exodus 3:6). Hallelujah, what a Savior You are! You created us, You have rescued us, You have saved us, You provide for us; You are awesome; Lord God of all.

*Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.*

**CONFESSION:** stating our sins and asking forgiveness!

God, be merciful to me, a sinner. My heart is deceitful above all things. And at times, it's incurably sick. Lord, search my heart and test my mind. I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. Help me, Lord to avoid whatever leads me to sin, so I sin no more. When I fail, bring me back to You, my Rock.

*Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.*

**THANKSGIVING:** thanking God for specific things that He has done.

Hallelujah, Praise the Lord! May my every breath praise You, Lord. There is none like You. You are greater, better, higher, bigger and more powerful than anything else. We lift up Your name, praising Your name, honoring Your holy name. You Christ, who is Lord of all. Jesus commanded the apostles to preach to the people and to testify that He is the One whom You appointed as judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets witness that through His name, everyone who believes in him received forgiveness of sins. You have loved us and call us to be a saint; You, Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ have given us grace and peace. You sent Your word to the children of Israel, O God, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ. Thank You again and again!

EE Praises:

- We thank God for the lives and homes that were spared from Hurricane Ian and we join with many others in prayer for God to bless and restore all the lives and homes devastated by the storm.
- We thank God that Beth Workman led a HFK Lab in Jamestown, NY with 10 participants. 10 people heard the gospel. Children got to go out sharing the gospel with their trainees. Praise God for young lives committed to sharing the gospel.
- We thank God that Tim Nguyen taught a SYFW in Des Moines, Iowa with 25 participants from 2 different churches with 2 pastors attending.
- We praise God for answering the prayer to bring EE to churches in Des Moines, Sioux City and Quad Cities.

*Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving. In prayer this week, thank God for His provision in your life.*

**SUPPLICATION:** asking God for our needs and our wants.

We love you, Lord. We give, You, our lives; fully surrendered; all that we are and have is Yours. Why then are we so downcast? Why are we disturbed deep within our being? Our help comes from You, the maker of heaven and earth. Help us to put our complete hope in You, O God; We will praise You for the help of Your presence. When we are downcast, help us to remember You. When we are disturbed deep within our being help us to praise You, for You are the help of our countenance and You are our God. You, Lord Jesus, told the apostles, “ You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” So, help us to be Your great witnesses in our Jerusalem, in our Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. May we fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith, so that there will be laid up for us the crown of righteousness, which You, Lord the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for Your appearing.

- Pray for restoration in areas devastated by Hurricane Ian. Pray for churches devastated by the Hurricane. Pray for restoration of physical property and restoration of hearts. Pray that trusting hearts would be restored and they'd lean on God's strength and comfort through these difficult days. Pray for those that need to know Him would come to faith in Him. Pray for God to give communities, families, individuals strength to rebuild and come together in love and support for one another. Pray that God would ignite a passion for the church for those who were affected. Pray that God's people would be lead to show support and help in ways possible. Pray for disaster relief teams: protection for physical relief efforts, provision for relief teams, and that God's people would be powerful carriers of God's light and offer of salvation.
- Pray that God would raise up strong pastors and healthy churches throughout our cities in America to be a light and a spiritual force for good.
- Pray that God would call out a new generation into ministry and service of God's kingdom.
- Pray that new believers will be baptized and stay in fellowship, service, worship, and growth at a Bible-teaching church.
- Pray that those that don't know Christ would be disconnected from influences that are pulling them away from Christ.
- Pray that governmental authorities would submit to the authority and ways of God and His Word daily and that they'd come to the knowledge of Christ and surrender to His lordship.
- That pastors around the world would experience the filling and anointing of the Holy Spirit and honor Christ in their heart, words, and actions.
- Pray that your children(all children) would come to know Christ as Lord early in life. And that they'd develop a hatred for evil, pride, hypocrisy, and sin.
- Pray that your spouse would walk in integrity, keeping promises and fulfilling commitments. Pray that they would love unconditionally and remain faithful.

- Pray for Community Chapel by the Sea (ARP) in Melbourne, FL to grow in its commitment to evangelism – “Thy Kingdom Come.”
- Pray for Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church as they’ve committed to visitation on Thursday evenings. Pray for much fruit as they visit new people that have visited the church.
- Pray for Fluvanna Community Church to get Hope For Kids plugged into their ministry program.
- Pray for churches in Iowa to grow and bring people to Christ. Beacon Hill Baptist Church as they pray about next steps for their church regarding evangelism training and implementation.
- Pray for SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN AMERICA!
- Pray for our nation’s churches: that the church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ, unity with and among churches that reveal God’s love to the world, integrity – that God’s people look and act differently from the world. Colossians 2:6-8
- For plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2023.
- Pray that Christian boys and girls will shine the light of Jesus in their schools. Ask God to give them eyes that see children that are lonely, hurting and those that need a friend. Lord, we pray that kindness will dwell in their hearts and overflow to others.

**(Ministries of EE: Share Your Faith Workshop, Everyday Evangelism, Hope for Kids)**

<b>SYFW</b>	<b>10/7</b>	<b>Hutto Bible Church</b>	<b>Hutto, TX</b>
<b>SYFW</b>	10/9	North Macon Presbyterian	Macon, GA
<b>SYFW</b>	10/15	FBC Caldwell	Caldwell, AR
<b>SYFW</b>	10/15	Good Shepherd Fellowship	Pueblo, CO
<b>SYFW</b>	10/22	Brush Creek Baptist	Springdale, AR
<b>SYFW</b>	10/22	Zion Baptist Church	Brownsville, TN
<b>SYFW</b>	10/22	Stecoah Baptist Church	Robbinsville, NC
<b>SYFW</b>	10/29	Cleveland Drive Presbyterian Church	Cheektowaga, NY
<b>SYFW</b>	10/29	Discover Church	Surfside Beach, SC
<b>SYFW</b>	10/29	Calvary Everett	Everett, WA
<b>SYFW</b>	11/5	Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	Bogalusa, LA
<b>EV2 Clinic</b>	10/14	HCAC Trinity Fellowship	Houston, TX
<b>EV2 Clinic</b>	3/30/23 - 3/31/23	First Baptist Rogers	Rogers, AR
<b>EV2 Clinic</b>	8/3/23 – 8/4/23	First Baptist Rogers	Rogers, AR
<b>XEE</b>	10/14	San Francisco Bible Church	San Francisco, CA
<b>Classic Clinic</b>	10/24-10/28	Chinese Community Church of Indiana	Carmel, IN
<b>HFK</b>	10/21-10/22	Journey Church	Tracey, CA
<b>HFK</b>	10/28	First Presbyterian Church JAX	JAX, FL

