



Week 14: October 9 – October 15, 2022

This week as you read through chapters 27 and 28 of *The Battle Plan for Prayer* on the subjects of Preemptive and Defensive Prayer, ponder the thought that as believers we must fight our battles on our knees before the battle rages in the natural realm. The enemy has a playbook so we must take a strategy.

Consider these questions concerning preemptive and defensive prayer:

1. What are Satan's primary tactics to destroy God's children?
2. What does God's Word say we should do when the enemy attacks?
3. Contrast Peter's lack of preemptive prayer with Nehemiah's faithfulness in it.
4. Why is it important to have a ready response plan to the devil's attacks?
5. Can you remember and repeat back the entire R.E.S.P.O.N.D acronym from memory?
6. Which of the seven parts of the plan meant the most to you and why?

I love this quote by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, of *Revive Our Hearts* and *True Womanhood* which is "as a mother is drawn toward the cries of her helpless, tiny baby, our great God is moved to bring comfort and supply to us at the sound of our prayers, as they are poured out in the midst of the fiercest battle. Those prayers are the "battle cry" that Heaven loves to hear; they move our King to send supernatural reinforcements to engage with us in the fray." Cry out offensively, preemptively, and defensively. As the passage in Exodus 2:23-24 states, "during those days the king of Egypt died and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. Let's sound out our cries, in one accord, "O Lord! Help us!" God, we need you to help our desperate situations in America. Remember us, your people! We need You! The Israelites needed God! God heard the cries of the Israelites. He remembered them. He saw them. He took notice. We will cry out, as they did, asking him to help, hear, remember and take notice.

-----Daily Reflections-----

Take some time to look at the enemy's playbook as you develop your preemptive prayer strategy.

DISTRACTION: Read Ps. 55:2-3. In what areas of your life are you prone to distraction? Spend a moment writing a prayer out to the Lord about focusing on God's best. 1

DECEPTION: Read John 8:44. Strongholds, addictions, and sins are founded upon lies, a perversion of God’s truth, promises never delivered, and false advertising. The Kendrick brothers say that, “sin will fail you, let you down, and leave you empty. He displays pleasure and hides the consequences. In what areas of your life has deception taken hold? Spend a moment writing a prayer to God to help you in this area. 2

DERISION: Read Revelation 12:10. Studying the Word, finding your identity in Christ, and praying for wisdom and discernment is the way you deflect accusations. These are the ways you throw out the enemy’s charges. Spend some moments praying preemptively against the derision and mockery that Satan may be trying to do in your life. 3

DIVISION: Read Mark 3:25 and 2 Cor. 2:11. Pray for God to help you stay focused on His will, for His Holy Spirit to keep you walking in truth, for false accusations to be thrown down, and for love and unity to reign in your relationships and in our churches. In what ways is Satan trying to divide you? Pray against division and for unity in your family and church today. 4

Notes

1. Stephen and Alex Kendrick, *The Battle Plan for Prayer Bible Study*, (Lifeway Press, 2015), p. 113.
2. Stephen and Alex Kendrick, *The Battle Plan for Prayer Bible Study*, (Lifeway Press, 2015), p. 113.
3. Stephen and Alex Kendrick, *The Battle Plan for Prayer Bible Study*, (Lifeway Press, 2015), p. 114.
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Weekly Prayer Requests for Week 14: October 9 – October 15, 2022

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

You, O Most High, are sovereign over the kingdoms of all people and give them to whomever You wish and set over them the lowliest of people. We will bless You, O Most High, and praise and honor You, the One who lives forever. Your dominion is an eternal dominion, and Your kingdom endures from generation to generation. You regard all the inhabitants of the earth as nothing, and do as You please with the host of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. No one can hold back Your hand or say to You: “What have You done?” We will praise , exalt, and honor You, the King of heaven, for all Your works are true, and all Your ways are just, and You are able to humble those who walk in pride. (Daniel 4:17, 34-35,37)

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

CONFESSION: stating our sins and asking forgiveness!

Gracious God, please do not hold against us any sin that we have committed. Your compassion is great, You are slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. You do not deal with us according to our sins and iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far have You removed our transgressions from us. We come to You again today, asking once again, forgive us. Help us – your children - to guard our hearts with all diligence. Help us to walk steadfastly in Your statures, pleasing You with our lives.

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.

You have given us life and shown us favor, and Your care has preserved our spirit. You are our shield. God Most High; You save the upright in heart. We will be glad and rejoice in Your love, for You saw our affliction and knew the anguish in our soul. Blessed are You, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In Your great mercy You have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled and unfading, reserved in heaven for us. In Your great grace, O God, You called us to Your eternal glory in Christ. After we have suffered a little while, You will perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish us. To You be the glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen

EE Praises:

- John Rist was able to teach a SYFW in American Fork, Utah on 10.1.22 with 15 attendees from 2 different churches, 3 people heard the gospel during OJT and 2 of them made a profession of faith.
- Shibu Oommen taught a SYFW in Baltimore, MD on 9.24.22 with 8 attendees.

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.

God, may we not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. May we be ready for You, O Son of Man, for You will come at an hour when we do not expect You. May we not live another minute of this life on earth for human desires, but for Your will, O God. We have spent too much time doing our will without You, when we walked in sin. Help us to spend every minute of every day, completely and wholly committed to You.

- 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 led 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 open the eyes of believers with hearts of love and compassion for the lost.
- Pray that God would unite local pastors in prayer for one another and for revival and restoration in their city.
- Pray that God would unite churches in prayer, the preaching of the Word, and in serving the needs of their city.
- Pray that God would call out a new generation into ministry and service of God's kingdom; giving them faith, courage, and initiative to obey His call. Pray that God would provide prayer, encouragement, and resources to undergird their work spiritually and financially.
- Pray that God would help new believers learn to abide in Christ, be filled with His Spirit, and living according to the will of Christ
- Pray that new believers will grow in Christ and obey the Word of God as a disciple.
- Pray that unbelievers will see the lies that they've believed that have kept them from Christ.
- Pray that God would show mercy, bind Satan, and turn unbelievers from darkness to light so they may receive forgiveness of sins.
- Pray that governmental authorities will lead with honor, respect, wisdom, compassion and godliness. That they would use good judgment, pursue justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. That they walk in integrity, keep their promises, and fulfill their commitments.
- That pastors around the world would honor Christ in their heart, words, and actions. That they would be loving, faithful, Christlike husbands to their wives. That they would lead their families and the church with wisdom, courage, and sensitivity that only the Holy Spirit can provide.
- Pray that your children(all children) would be protected from evil in each area of their lives: spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically.
- Pray for children to get caught when they are guilty and receive the chastening of the Lord so that they will not continue to do wrong.
- Pray for your spouse; that they would be patient, kind, hard to offend, and quick to forgive. Not distracted or cower into passivity, but embracing responsibility. Pray they would be hard workers who faithfully provide for their family and children.
- 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. Pray for God’s direction for Beacon Hill Baptist Church as they pray about next steps for their church regarding evangelism training and implementation.
- Pray for SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN AMERICA!
- For plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2023.
- We are joining the ministry of *Revive Our Hearts* to “Cry Out” to our King with other believers intervening on behalf of our broken world. Cry out to God for your generation, whether young or old, affluent or impoverished, that the people of God would stand together with one voice and cry out, “Oh, Lord! Help us! Hear us! Remember us!
- Pray that our churches would sense the urgency of these times – that every moment of these days of grace draws us ever closer to the moment of Jesus’ return. And, oh, how we need Him to breathe life into our tired souls, that we might share the news of His coming with our friends and neighbors who have no hope apart from Him.
- Pray for the churches in Utah that attended the SYFW with John Rist on 10.1.22 as they move forward with implementation. Pray for Michael who will teach a semester of EV2 at one of the churches.
- Pray for Doxa Church without Walls to move forward with implementing an EV2 semester.

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

SYFW	10/9	North Macon Presbyterian	Macon, GA
SYFW	10/15	FBC Caldwell	Caldwell, AR
SYFW	10/15	Good Shepherd Fellowship	Pueblo, CO
SYFW	10/22	Brush Creek Baptist	Springdale, AR
SYFW	10/22	Palestine Christian Church	Wolcott, IN
SYFW	10/22	Zion Baptist Church	Brownsville, TN
SYFW	10/22	Stecoah Baptist Church	Robbinsville, NC
SYFW	10/29	Cleveland Drive Presbyterian Church	Cheektowaga, NY
SYFW	10/29	Discover Church	Surfside Beach, SC
SYFW	10/29	Calvary Everett	Everett, WA
SYFW	11/5	Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	Bogalusa, LA
SYFW	11/12	The Lord’s Church	Asheville, NC
EV2 Clinic	3/30/23 - 3/31/23	First Baptist Rogers	Rogers, AR
EV2 Clinic	8/3/23 – 8/4/23	First Baptist Rogers	Rogers, AR
XEE	10/14	San Francisco Bible Church	San Francisco, CA
Classic Clinic	10/24-10/28	Chinese Community Church of Indiana	Carmel, IN
HFK	10/21-10/22	Journey Church	Tracey, CA

HFK	10/28	First Presbyterian Church JAX	JAX, FL
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