



Week of August 28 – September 3, 2022

This week in our book study *The Battle Plan for Prayer* by Stephen and Alex Kendrick, we read that bitterness hinders our prayer lives and affects our churches. Colossians 3:14 says to put on love, love binds all virtues together in perfect unity. I love the reminder on page 99 that says this:

Powerful movements of God in the past have arisen as a result of prayer and unity. The Great Awakenings and similar revivals always resulted from people praying in unity, seeking God's forgiveness and cleansing, setting aside their petty differences and forgiving one another, joining hands and hearts in desperation for the Lord to show up.

And He did. 1

I've had a beautiful front row seat seeing the powerful hand of God moving and working when God's people work together, pray together, believe together. Equip America has shown me first-hand how unity in the body of Christ results in a powerful movement of God. I envision our prayer network being the people of prayer that prays for this kind of movement to continue and for this kind of unified movement to spread throughout the world. If there's one thing that's certain, PEOPLE NEED THE LORD. And God has placed our network of prayer warriors together to pray that PEOPLE come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Let's pray for that kind of unity that brings about a Spiritual Awakening that never dies out.

Let's pray with faith believing that our God is able and will answer our prayers. I love the key points of the battle plan for faith filled prayer:

1. Expect
2. Believe
3. Anticipate
4. Assume

What a great challenge was given to us on page 107!

Daily ask the Lord – in prayer – to reveal more about Himself to you as you absorb His Word, follow His teaching, apply His promises, and grow in knowledge and wisdom. Because the better you know Him, the more time you'll want to spend with Him. And the more time you spend with Him, the weaker all these misconceptions will be and the greater your faith. 2

Let's be a network of people who pray with great faith believing, expecting, anticipating, and assuming that HE WILL!

Notes

1. Stephen and Alex Kendricks, The Battle Plan for Prayer (B & H Publishing Group 2015) p. 99
2. Stephen and Alex Kendricks, The Battle Plan for Prayer (B & H Publishing Group 2015) p. 107

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

This week let's identify four attributes of God that help us trust Him by faith when we pray. The more we read God's word and understand His character and how He interacts with His children, the more confident we will be in our prayers. As we consider each attribute, adore Him through prayer for who He is. Thank Him for all He has done.

1. God is Able: Read 1 Corinthians 8:6A. Identify some specific things God has given you? Thank Him for them. Scripture says, "we exist for Him." What does that mean in your life, family, work? Pray about these areas of your life as you exist for Him. Read Ephesians 4:6 and consider the ways you are thankful for the Father who is over all. Read Ephesians 1:3 and write down the spiritual blessings with which God has blessed you. Thank Him for these gifts.
2. God is Caring: Read Psalm 68:5. How does the psalmist describe the Father? What two groups of people does God show concern for from His holy dwelling? What does that teach us about His character?
3. God is Concerned: Read Deuteronomy 32:6. How is the Father described in this passage? God is concerned with our situation and He is also concerned with our lifestyle.
4. God is Forgiving: Read this familiar passage of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:18-20 and be reminded that God loves to show compassion to His children. God is diligent to discipline us, but He is eager to pardon us. This passage is a beautiful picture of a loving Father who longs for His prodigal child to return to His open arms and when we do He lovingly embraces us and forgives us.

Adapted from The Battle Plan for Prayer Bible Study Guide



Weekly Prayer Guide for August 28 – September 3, 2022

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

Lord Jesus, I have nowhere else to go; You have the words of eternal life. I believe and know that You are the Holy One of God. John 6:68-69. You are the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in You will live, even though they die, and those who live and believe in You will never die. John 11:25-26 The secret things belong to You, Lord God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may observe Your words. Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength; We will sing and praise Your power.

Behold, You who form the mountains and create the wind, and reveal Your thoughts to people; You turn dawn to darkness, and tread the high places of the earth---- The Lord God of hosts is Your name. Amos 4:13. In Your majesty, You dwell in the likeness of a throne of sapphire above the expanse that is over the cherubim. Ezekiel 10:1. Blessed be your name. Amen

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

CONFESSION: stating our sins and asking forgiveness!

You, Lord, are in Your holy temple;

You are on Your heavenly throne.

You observe all people;

Your eyes examine them. Psalm 11:4

Examine our hearts today, O Lord.

Is there any way within us that needs cleansing?

Cleanse our impure hearts and renew a steadfast spirit within us, we pray.

O God, You know our foolishness,

And our guilt is not hidden from You.

May those who hope in You not be ashamed because of us, O Lord God of hosts;

May those who seek You not be dishonored because of us, O God of Israel. Psalm 69:5-6

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.

O God, in Christ I have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of Your grace, which You lavished on me with all wisdom and understanding. O God, You raised me up with Christ and seated me with You in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages You might show the surpassing riches of Your grace in kindness toward me in Christ Jesus.

Father God, we thank you for your generous gifts that you bestow on all who come to you in faith. You've given us forgiveness of sin, You laid upon us spiritual gifts and every spiritual blessing is a blessing given by You our heavenly Father. You are the only God, there is no one but you God and from you are all things and we exist because of you. You are able to do above and beyond anything we could ask or think. Hallelujah!

God, we thank you for caring for us. Thank you, God, for being a God who cares enough to know every hair on our head, collects every tear in a bottle, and promises to supply all of our

needs. Thank you for caring about every detail of our lives. You are always near, always available, always on time.

EE Praises God for:

- SYFW in Brownsville, TN on Aug. 20, with IFW, Mike Young and 8 participants from 4 different churches.
- Everyday Evangelism Lab on Aug. 18 in Houston, TX with Manuel Gonzalez and 3 participants. 10 people heard the gospel.

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.

By Your grace, O God, I want to live to the end in faith, knowing that I will not receive the promises on earth; I see them and welcome them from a distance. I confess that I am a stranger and a pilgrim on the earth. I long for a better country, a heavenly one. In this way, You will not be ashamed to be called my God, for You have prepared a city for me. Like Moses, may I esteem reproach for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of this world, because I am looking for the reward. Hebrews 11:13, 16, 26

God, thank you for being concerned with every aspect of our lives. As your children, you've called us to a higher calling, setting us apart for holy living. Are there things You want me to stop doing and start doing? I want to submit my life completely to Your will and ways. Help me to identify those things that need to be gone and those things that You desire in my life.

This week be honest about the needs you may have. Ask God to help you seek His kingdom and His righteousness first above your concerns and desires.

Please join us in asking the Father for these things:

- PLEASE make the following request a matter of intercessory prayer.
WE need field staff in the state of Montana. We held an Equip America in Billings and Helena, Montana in July. We need staff and EE trained people to carry on the work in this area of the country. There's a lot of work to be done in Montana, including American Indian Reservations that need to be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray with us about this important need.
- 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.
- For the safety of children and youth as they return to school. Pray for favor and blessing over the school year in the state you live in.

- 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.
- Pray for Iglesia Alianza Vida of The C&MA in Houston, TX for implementation of EE.
- Pray for Zion Baptist Church and the other 3 churches that attended the SYFW on 8.20 that they would make plans to implement Everyday Evangelism in their churches

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

SYFW	9/10	Newton Covenant Reformed Church	Newton, NJ
SYFW	9/17	Trinity Baptist Church/Clear Creek Baptist Assoc.	Alma, AR
SYFW	9/17	Windham Bible Church	Windham, OH
SYFW	9/24	DOXA Church Without Walls	Baltimore, MD
SYFW	10/7	Hutto Bible Church	Hutto, TX
SYFW	10/15	FBC Caldwell	Caldwell, AR
SYFW	10/22	Brush Creek Baptist	Springdale, AR
SYFW	10/29	Stecoah Baptist Church	Robbinsville, NC
SYFW	10/29	Discover Church	Surfside Beach, SC
EV2 Launch	9/15	Harvest Presbyterian	Lancaster, PA
HFK	9/23	Journey Christian Church	Tracey, CA
Classic Clinic	10/24-10/28	Chinese Community Church of Indiana	Carmel, IN