

# Prayer Warfare

## Prayer Adventure – Part 4

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*Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

*Ephesians 6:18 (ESV) praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

*2 Corinthians 10:4 (ESV) For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.*

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ and thanksgiving

#### 1A. Praise prepares you for \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Chronicles 20:18-19 (ESV) Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.*

*2 Chronicles 20:21-22 (ESV) And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, “Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever.” And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.*

#### 1B. Praise brings \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 16:25 (ESV) About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,*

*Acts 16:26 (ESV) and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened.*

### 2. Prayer with \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2A. Helps in \_\_\_\_\_ with God

*Daniel 9:3 (ESV) Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.*

*Daniel 9:20-21 (ESV) While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice.*

#### 2B. Helps in spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 4:1-2 (ESV) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.*

*Matthew 4:3-4 (ESV) And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ prayer

#### 3A. Corporate prayer in \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Chronicles 7:13-14 (ESV) When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

#### 3B. Corporate prayer when facing \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 4:24 (ESV) And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,*

*Acts 4:29-31 (ESV) And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

### Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.

Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

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Intro. What ways do people often respond to the challenges of life?

What role do evil spiritual forces play in the challenges believers face (Ephesians 6:12)?

How can prayer be a weapon in spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:18)?

What types of strongholds are we to destroy with divine weapons (2 Corinthians 10:4)?

1A. In 2 Chronicles 20:1-19, how did the king and people move from fear to praise?

1B. What lesson can we learn by the decision to have the praise team lead the army into battle (2 Chronicles 20:21-22)?

1C. What motivated Paul and Silas to pray and sing in prison (Acts 16:25)? What was the result (Acts 16:26)?

1D. How can you learn to use praise as a weapon in your life?

2A. Why do you think that many spiritual leaders in the Bible prayed with fasting in difficult circumstances (Daniel 9:3)?

2B. What does the appearance of Gabriel tell us about the effects of prayer with fasting (Daniel 9:20-21)?

2C. Why did Jesus fast for forty days after being water and Spirit baptized (Matthew 4:1-2)?

2D. How did Jesus defeat Satan in His spiritual warfare (Matthew 4:3-4)?

2E. When do you think that prayer with fasting would be necessary?

3A. Why is prayer with other believers more effective than prayer by yourself (Matthew 18:19-20)?

3B. What effect can corporate prayer have on a nation (2 Chronicles 7:13-14)?

3C. Describe the content of the believer's prayer in Acts 4:24-28.

3D. What was the essence of their request of God in Acts 4:29-31?

3E. How can corporate prayer encourage believers and release God's power?