

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of October 7, 2007

The Holy Spirit will give to the praying saint the brightness of an immortal hope, the music of a deathless song, in His baptism and communion with the heart, He will give sweeter and more enlarged visions of heaven until the taste for other things will pall, and other visions will grow dim and distant. He will put notes of other worlds in human hearts until all earth's music is discord and songless. E. M. BOUNDS

The Life of Prayer

Pray the Good Fight of Faith

David Williamson

One of the earliest known characteristics of mankind is war. We talk peace, but we battle and fight. This has been part of mans nature from the time of the fall of man.

***And I will put enmity, Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."***

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)

Many of man's wars have been man against man, kingdom against kingdom, or nation against nation, but behind these wars and the many other combinations that have led to war is Satan. The wars of man are various outpourings of the first and foremost battle, that of Genesis Chapter three. These battles have manifest in small wars and world wars. They have been wars between many differing groups. They have been for conquest and power. However, they all have as a base factor been the struggle "between your seed and her seed". The history of Israel is filled with battles in this struggle. Joshua and the Battle of Jerico, David verses Goliath, or even King Jehoshaphat and the battle that was the Lords; are all battles in this struggle. The history of the wars of the gentile nations is filled with this same struggle.

With this heritage, it is important that we have help. We must have help in time of trouble, because most of our battles are against Satan and his forces. If we are to be men and women of prayer we must learn to take up the battle. We must fight the fight of faith and the good fight of prayer.

***Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.***

Psalm 24:8 (NKJV)

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It is God who is well able and willing to fight for His people. He is the victor in the battle today just as He was for Joshua, David, and Jehoshaphat. David's statement, his prayer, describes this.

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."

1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NKJV)

The man of prayer, here it is King David, but it can and should be you and I in battles who say, "This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand". This is the statement of fact. Faith and prayer dictate to situations. David knew that God could and would deliver Him from trouble and problems; remember the lion and bear. Paul, via Timothy, tells us that we are to be men and women of battle. We are to fight the battles to win.

***Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life,
to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession
in the presence of many witnesses.***

1 Tim. 6:12 (NKJV)

The problem is that too many Christians have opted out of the battle. They have been like David's brothers and the others of the army who were across the valley from Goliath. They would not engage in the battle. The battle was the Lord's, but these men opted out and this limits the effectiveness of too many Christians. They opt out of the battle, they opt out of prayer. The man or woman of prayer is not to opt out, but to stand in the gap for the people and nations. Just as Moses did for Israel, so we are to stand.

***You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel
to stand in battle on the day of the Lord.***

Ezekiel 13:5 (NKJV)

***So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall,
and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land,
that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.***

Ezekiel 22:30 (NKJV)

The problem today is that even among those who pray, there are few who will enter the battle. There are few who will stand in the gap, who will pray the good fight of faith. What can be done? We must take our place in the battle and pray. We must take our place and stand in the gap. We also

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must pray for others to come into the battle. Men and women need to hear what is possible in prayer. They need encouragement and to be challenged to pray the fight of faith. There is a battle field for each us, one that we can command and walk in victory, if we will take up the challenge and walk with the Lord. To pray the fight of faith there are several areas of the battle, areas we need to be aware and to deal with. We must learn to fight the inward battle.

*For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.
But I see another law in my members,
warring against the law of my mind,
and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.*

Romans 7:22-23 (NKJV)

*This charge I commit to you, son Timothy,
according to the prophecies previously made concerning you,
that by them you may wage the good warfare,
having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected,
concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,*

1 Tim. 1:18-19 (NKJV)

We must remember this is a spiritual battle first and foremost. We must learn to battle with spiritual weapons.

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.
For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God
for pulling down strongholds,*

2 Cor. 10:3-4 (NKJV)

In this battle field we must know the enemy we are fighting.

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,
but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,
against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

Ephes. 6:10-12 (NKJV)

In this battle we must pray. This is a battle that we can and must win. The life of nations depends on this battle in prayer, the eternal destiny of many people hangs in the balance; will you pray. Will you pray through the fight of faith and see the battle through to completion?

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1 Tim. 6:12 (NKJV)

Let us prepare ourselves to pray. Let us fight the inward battle so we can pray. Let us stand firm in faith, knowing that the battle is the Lord's. Let us not grow weary, but press on in Him. Let us pray in faith never wavering and see the battle through to completion, through to the great and final victory.

*I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.*

2 Tim. 4:7 (NKJV)

Let us Pray!

A Call for Prayer

*So Jesus answered and said to them, Have faith in God.
For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain,
'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart,
but believes that those things he says will be done,
he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you,
whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them,
and you will have them.*

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem – Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and work in and around Nepal. *Editor note: I would normally include a few of these requests over the course of several weeks, but we need to be in prayer for these now!*

1. Our *Word To World School* is begun from 2nd September with 10 students and now 2 more are coming. It is difficult to come to Kathmandu, but they made it. *Word To World School* is a one year practical training school with vision and purpose to produce missionaries, evangelists and ministers of the gospel. Every week students have to go out to witness for three days. Next week onwards our students will be going out to witness Jesus to people. Help, Boldness and Power of the Holy Spirit is needed for this work. We need 6 bunk beds for the students for they are sleeping on floor, now cold is growing. We are constructing classes and dorms for the school, please stretch your faith towards the completion of this work. We also have the needs of the students.

2. We have *Christian Limbu People's Convention* in October 9-11, where I am going to minister the word of God. We need anointing of the Holy Spirit to minister to people.

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3. We have *New Life Gospel Church Ministries Youth Convention* in October 22-25th and revival meetings Oct 27-29th in Kathmandu. Pray for a meeting of the financial need for the convention and for power of God to minister to the youth under the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the youth will be filled with the vision to reach fellow young people.
4. *Word Explosion Conferences* in Kathmandu and east Nepal in November 4-10th. Pray for peace and safety for all traveling pastors. Participants will come from Nepal, India and Bhutan. May the power of the Holy Spirit be in manifestation and pastors and leaders be exulted and empowered to take the gospel to unreached people's group.
5. *Pastors and Leaders Conference and Healing Rallies* from 9-21st December. This will be held in different parts of east Nepal and mid central Nepal. Pray for the peace and security and for a mighty manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit. We need God's favor for this great work to take salvation, deliverance and healing to the people.
6. At the last but not least; our goal is plant 100 churches by 2010 and so far we are coming up with 42 churches and fellowships. We are thankful to God for He does a new thing and makes everything new. Please pray that things in the world may not distract us from our goal and that the needs and areas of lack may not derail us from our trek to our goal. We need your earnest prayer and prayer and YOUR PRAYER!
7. We are in need of lots of gospel literatures, bibles and New Testaments to distribute; we need large number of it. Please pray for the provision for it.
8. We need your partnership to go beyond our capacity, evangelize the world, planting churches among Nepalese world. Now, Malaysia, Myanmar, Hongkong and Thailand in east and Qatar, UAE, Israel and KSA in the Middle East, are becoming a mission field for us to reach expatriate Nepalese working there. I am asking myself, why am I not been able to go there and preach the gospel to my fellow countrymen? Answer is partnership. I need your partnership; I need your prayer and prayer and YOUR PRAYER!
9. One of the big city in east Nepal, where we are praying to send a missionary, we need a partnership to send a missionary there. We need your partnership and prayer support.
10. Pray for my family, Hope, for Children, and me. We are expecting grandson in December.

**For a great and effective door has opened to me,
and there are many adversaries.**

1 Cor. 16:9 (NKJV)

Mark Spencer – Pray for open doors of opportunity for the preaching of the Gospel. Pray for a breaking down of walls and barriers that hinder.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for David and Marianne and the opportunities for sharing the Gospel with many young people of East Asia.

Marek Kaminski – Pray Marek would be strong in the Lord and in the power of the Lord's might.

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Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church for the overcoming of hindrances to the proclaiming of the Gospel.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for protection and provision for the students of the school.

Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for the strengthening and empowering of theses church.

Patty Spencer – Pray for completion of a new worship CD. Pray for the details of mastering the final product and the finances to get it produced. And for Mark to complete the books he is writing.

John Coon – Pray for his health and safety.

William Williamson – Pray for Bill, he is being ordained today!

Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray a new understanding of God’s plan for the Inntal Prayer Initiative in Germany and throughout Europe.

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for opportunities to minister the Gospel.

Pray for your Home Church – Pray for outreaches for your church. Pray that each member will do the work of the ministry as God gives them the means to do so.

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