

IT'S WAR
Pray for It #5
February 11, 2024

Big Idea: Prepare for your battles in _____ before you fight them in _____. (1 Peter 5:6-9)

HOW TO FIGHT LIFE'S BATTLES IN PRAYER
(Ephesians 6:10-12, 18)

- 1. Pray to distinguish _____ from _____.**
- 2. Pray at all _____ in the _____.**
 - **Times = _____**
- 3. Pray all _____ of prayers.**
 - **A _____**
 - **C _____**
 - **T _____**
 - **S _____**
- 4. Pray with _____ and _____.
(Habakkuk 1:2,5)**
- 5. Pray for all _____.
 - **Praying for people draws your _____ to them.**
 - **Praying together brings us _____.**
 - **Praying for others helps us fight our battles _____.****

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON PRAYER WARFARE

Monday

Read Matthew 5:43-48. Is there someone in your past or present who has “persecuted” you in some way? Is there someone who has hurt or embarrassed you? How did Jesus command us to love our “enemies”? Prayer helps us identify our real enemy and love those who have offended us.

Tuesday

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22. What are the three “always” actions in v. 16-18? Why do you think Paul put those commands between two verses about dealing with “evil”? In view of the understanding of Ephesians 6:18 about praying “at all times” (all seasons), how might you apply the three “always” actions?

Wednesday

Read 1 Peter 5:6-11. What four actions in v. 5-8 prepare you to do battle with Satan? Prayer helps you do each of them. Faith in our all-powerful God is how we resist a supernatural foe. How does prayer strengthen your faith? What does God promise to those who resist Satan’s attacks?

Thursday

Read Acts 4. After Peter and John were arrested for sharing their faith and questioned by the Jewish authorities, what surprised the authorities? Do you spend enough time with Jesus that people would notice something different about you? What was the first thing the disciples did after Peter and John were threatened and released? What was the result?

Friday

Read Ephesians 1:15-23; Philippians 1:3-11; Colossians 1:3-13; Philemon 4-7. These four books are called “The Prison Epistles” because Paul wrote them while he was in prison for his faith. He was praying for “all the saints” just like he commanded us in Ephesians 6:18. Prayer strengthened him and them for the battles they faced. Pray for someone you know who’s fighting a battle.