

Prayer for Spiritual Warfare and Boldness

Outline for crossroad - August 14, 2011

- **Spiritual Warfare**

- **Example - casting out evil spirit**

- **Mark 9:14-29**

14 *And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them.*

15 *And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him.*

16 *And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?"*

17 *And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute.*

18 *And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able."*

19 *And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."*

20 *And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.*

21 *And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.*

22 *And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."*

23 *And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."*

24 *Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"*

25 *And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."*

26 *And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead."*

27 *But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.*

28 *And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"*

29 *And he said to them, "**This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.**"*

- **What is spiritual warfare, and how do we do it?**

- **Ephesians 6:10-20**

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

12 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.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

18 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,

19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

- **Boldness**

- **Pray for boldness**

- **Ephesians 6:18-20**

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- **Need for prayer**

- **2 Corinthians 1:8-11**

8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

- **Example of prayers results**

- **Philippians 1**

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,

5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,

10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

12 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,

13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.

14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will.

16 The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

17 The former proclaim Christ out of rivalry, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.

18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. To Live Is Christ Yes, and I will rejoice,

19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,

20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,

26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

end by praying as a large group against satan, for boldness to live and speak the gospel

- **Upcoming**

- Thursday - planning night
- Next monday - Andrew and jess leave for china
- Sept 10,11- fresh encounters
- Oct 7-9 - bfcya missions training rwr
- Feb. 10-12 - crossroads winter retreat

Prayer in upcoming weeks

- Tonight - spiritual warfare, boldness
- 3weeks (8/21) - perseverance in prayer for church and lost
- End of august (8/28) - end of summer bar-b-q - thanksgiving - with testimony time
- Labor day weekend (9/4) - eternal prayers of praise from revelations