



We're in this together!



Previously...

- Found we need to build *strong families* if we're going to be good disciples!
 - Strong Home-and-Church family life...
Ephesians 5/6 Colossians 3
- Build on the foundation of the Word!
 - All the promises to know Him and be like Him... **2Peter 1.3,4**
 - “Make speed to know the word...” **2Tim 2.15** “and be doers of it...” **James 1.22**



Previously...

- From the Word of God we spiritually and emotionally prepare for hard-world encounters!
 - Demon-powers at work to steal, kill and destroy! **Ephesians 6.10ff, John 10.10**
 - As 'sheep among wolves' we are be dependent on Jesus/His name! **Luke 10.3**
 - All power over evil spirits has been transferred to believers, by faith, for use! **Luke 10.19 Matthew 17.20**



**And the only things in our way,
once saved, are ignorance,
doubt, lack of courage, or
*'the pause!'***



Previously...

- The contest is real, demons know men, and will wait to see if you are ‘sure...’
 - “Jesus rebuked the spirit saying, ‘hold your tongue and come out of him.’ And when the unclean spirit had torn him(...) and cried out with a loud voice(...) *he came out!*” **Mark 1.25,26**
 - “My name is Legion(...) and we are many(...) *but they went out!*” **Mark 5.9**



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- The contest is real, demons know men, and will wait to see if you are ‘sure...’
 - “They brought the boy to Jesus, and He rebuked the foul spirit, saying ‘come out.’ And the spirit cried out(...) convulsed the boy(...), who appeared dead(...), but Jesus lifted him up. The disciples asked, ‘why couldn’t we cast him out?’ Because of your unbelief!” **Mark 9.20ff**



**But this kind of doubt and
unbelief only comes out by
prayer and fasting!**



Asides...

- **Fasting and prayer to gain ascendancy over spirits is a Romish idea!**
 - It's great material for movies/TV!
 - But it is not a Biblical concept!
 - Power over demons has been transferred to us all, believers, by Jesus!
 - The authority and power operates “in His name!”



Asides...

- **Fasting and prayer to gain ascendancy over spirits is a Romish idea!**
 - “Jesus I know, but who do you think you are?”
 - “You aren’t strong enough!
 - “You aren’t mature enough!”
 - “You aren’t holy enough!”
 - “You may be right! But, I’m coming at you in His name... Not mine!”



Asides...

- **And dealing with demon powers there will almost always be a ‘pause...’**
 - **A moment to doubt whether or not it’s working!**
 - **A moment to fear/opt out/take alternate/ make a defeating statement!**
 - **That’s the moment to stand still, quiet, and see the delivering power of God!**



But that kind of faith and surety only comes by prayer and fasting... getting to know God in intimate ways... ready for hard-world encounters!



Prayer...

- Be anxious [uneasy, worried, fearful] for nothing, but in everything by *prayer* (*proseuche*) and *supplication* (*deesis*), with *thanksgiving*, present your *requests* (*aitema*) to God; and the *peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.* **Philippians 4.6,7** **Lexicon**



Text...

- **The cure for anxiety?**
 - Prayer, petition, with thanksgiving...
- **Result/replacement?**
 - The peace of God which transcends your needs...
 - And a guard for your heart to keep it from damage and fear which has torment!
 - The exercise of faith!



Text... up close...

- **Prayer: proseuche: *earnest, sincere, audible, entreaty;***
 - It has always been the plan that we ask, interact with, God...
 - Biblical to approach and ask God for *our* personal needs... (with familiarity)
 - Unbiblical to ask for the wrong things, or, right things for wrong reasons!



Text... up close...

- **Supplication: deesis: *solemn, sincere, clear, 'petition'***
 - Declaration of need for/in certain matters, and our dependence on and partnership with God!
 - Supplication is presenting ourselves before superior authority to ask a specific request or for judicial action!
- ***Practice for intercession!***



Prayer...

- “First of all then I urge that *petitions, prayers, intercessions (enteuxis), and thanksgiving* be offered on behalf of all men, for kings and all those in authority, so that we may lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity. This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **1Timothy 2.1-4 Lexicon**



Text...

- Before interaction with others; prayer, petition, *intercession*, thanksgiving, presenting what you know to present...
 - Result?
 - “peaceable, tranquil life... IN... all Godliness and dignity...”
 - Change of perspective on interactions!
 - Salvation of many souls!



Text... up close...

- **Intercession: enteuxis: to position yourself as an intermediary for another!**
 - God loves people willing to stand in the gap; to intervene for others!
 - Powerful weapon of spiritual warfare!
 - Pray and take the action it prompts!
 - Great equalizer! Travel the world through intercession!



Paul Billheimer: “Many people grieve because they have been denied service in missions or some other field, but through intercession they may accomplish as much and reap as great a reward as though they had been in the field themselves!”



Prayer...

- “But you, beloved, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and *praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God* as you await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you (into) eternal life!”

Jude 1.20



Text...

- We ‘build up’ our faith, praying in the Holy Spirit!
 - Architectural word: Build up, construct, confirm, rear up, raise an edifice of faith...
 - Especially one of imposing size and appearance.
 - Also, to edify (encourage, improve, strengthen) our faith!



Text... up close...

- **More excellent way to prepare for prayer by praying in the Holy Spirit first!**
 - **“The Spirit of adoption that causes us to cry, ‘Abba, Father’ bears witness that we are the children of God, joint heirs of Jesus, suffering together with Him, waiting to be glorified with Him; *and no present sufferings are worthy to be compared with the glory coming to us!* With creation we**



Text... up close...

- More excellent way to prepare for prayer by praying in the Holy Spirit first!
 - “groan within ourselves for the full redemption of our lives... *the Spirit helps us in our weakness for we don't know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words... The Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God!*” **Romans 8.15-27**



"The Prayer Forces!"