

MEN OF PRAYER: July Men's Breakfast, Ps. Al & Matthew Fortier

Eph. 6:18: Praying always in the Spirit

"Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty(earnest or humble request). To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people)."

Ephesians 6:18 AMPC

- Turn to the man next to you - you are a saint - you are God's consecrated person. "I pray for YOU!"

Men my desire for you and my life's mission given me by God is to see you become a faith-filled group of victorious and kingdom effective fighters for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission statement is modeled after our church mission:

Take a group of men disciple them intensely in the Word of God, teach them an uncommon faith and help them to stand victoriously in life.

That's why we do this Men's Ministry the way we do it.

- Revelation teaching
- Discipleship of one another in the Word
- Praying for one another

I want to talk to you today, with the help of one of our ministry leaders about being **men of prayer**.

- You can measure your spiritual maturity by the intensity of your prayer life
- You can measure the effectiveness of your prayer life by the level of faith you apply to your prayers

"And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

James 5:15 NKJV

- Sick also translates to the weary
- Prayer of faith is not the prayer about faith but the prayer by faith
- It's the prayer made by faith that heals the sick not the prayer of hope

"Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer (say prayer of faith- confident assurance of God' ability) of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]."

Miracle working power! James 5:16 AMPC

- Men it's time our prayers are released with tremendous power available!
- Miracle working prayers, ALWAYS!
- We were made (anointed and appointed) for these end times then we need the kind of faith in our prayers that release end time miracle working power!

I want to introduce to you one of men's ministry leaders: Matthew Fortier

- Matthew has been a men's ministry leader here from our beginning exactly one year ago this week.
- Matthew is also a full-time prayer minister leader here at the Revival Capital of the World.
- I have asked him to share insights into effective prayer here with us today.

Introduction:

1. Honor Pastor Al and other Pastors. Inform to correct or come up if what is said is off.
2. Honor and invite the Holy Spirit to fill the place.

Message:

1. The armor of God has been so vital in walking out what God has called us to do. And it's important to realize that the armor helps us to not win a defeated battle, but to enforce a victorious battle.
2. We have been given all the parts of the armor of God in Ephesians 6. And the 6 parts we have talked about the past few months were the following:
 - a. The Loins Girded with Truth
 - b. The Breastplate of Righteousness
 - c. The Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace
 - d. The Shield of Faith
 - e. The Helmet of Salvation
 - f. The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God
3. The armor of God is completed with one more area. This is an area that is highly ignored and constantly unseen as a weapon in the armor of God.
 - a. Offer *Dressed to Kill* – Rick Renner from WordWorks Bookstore (show to camera also)
 - b. See, in the Roman Armor, there are 7 parts that constitute everything they need for battle. But a lot of people, including scholars and theologians, think that Paul's list was incomplete as he had only 6 parts.
 - c. But don't be mistaken, Paul didn't miss a single part. He put in Ephesians 6 what the 7th part of the armor was. And that 7th part of the armor is prayer.
 - d. The armor of God is incomplete without prayer.
4. Well then, you may ask, "What is the 7th part of the armor we forget?" Well that part of the armor is the lance (s).
 - a. The lance(s) were attached to the belt of truth. They were not just 1 usually, but many.
 - b. As you can see in the following picture ([cue Slide of Roman Lances](#)), there were varieties of different lances mentioned in Roman history. Some measured to the length of three feet, others measured to six feet or longer.
 - c. Read p. 435 from *Dressed to Kill* – Rick Renner
 - "Most Roman soldiers carried both lances, short and long. With the shorter Lance ([cue Slide of plumbata roman throwing spear](#)), they were able to thrust through the bodies of enemy soldiers at close range - and what a morbid death this was! With the longer Lance ([cue Slide of Pilum](#)), they would strike their adversary with a deadly blow from afar. After successfully hitting an enemy with this longer Lance, the Roman soldier would draw his sword and run to finish off the opponent - cutting off his head while he lay wounded on the ground." ([Back to main logo](#))
 - d. Read p. 437
 - "If the soldier desired to inflict a massive and terrible wound upon his enemy, he made sure to load his lance-head with extra iron. The heavier the instrument was, the more deadly was the wound. Furthermore, this heavier load of iron helped carry the lance farther when the soldier had to throw it a great distance."
 - Think about what this means spiritually. We know the Scripture Proverbs 27:17 (NKJV Main Translation), "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."

- Iron is a symbol of strength in the Bible, especially when it talks about Jesus after the millennial reign when Jesus will begin to start ruling over a new heaven and a new earth.
 - We need each other to be strengthened, and that is why we stop, drop, and pray here. We need to be encouraged and built up in the Lord.
5. How does this apply to prayer being a lance?
- a. Well this applies to our lives when we pray because God has made various kinds of prayer available to us when we talk to Him.
 - b. It says that in Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV), “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...”
 - c. A better translation of that is in the Berean Study Bible which says, “Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition...”
 - d. There are several ways we can pray to Him and all of it comes by being led by the Holy Spirit.
 - e. And whether we are using a short-distance or long-distance lance, the Holy Spirit can show us exactly how we should pray.
 - f. Romans 8:26-27 (NKJV then AMPC)
 - g. Pastor Terri talks about it like this: “Remember the purpose of the Holy Spirit is to lift us beyond our limitations so that we not only know what to pray but also how to pray! The how is very often as important as the what.”
 - h. Holy Spirit is your alert signal; He’s your doppler radar; He’s your antenna. Make sure to stay tuned to the antenna for what’s to come from God’s radio station.
 - i. He’ll give you the how to pray. And there are different types of prayer, but the book *Dressed to Kill* can show you the details for every type of prayer there is.
6. But how do you pray effective prayer so that you can get results 100% of the time?
- a. There are 2 keys to get to that place.
 - Abounding in the Word
 - Abounding in the Spirit
7. The Word
- a. Kenneth E. Hagin - *“Find scriptures that cover your case. Find scriptures that promise you the things you’re praying for and then you’ve got a solid foundation for faith.”*
 - b. Kenneth E. Hagin – *“Pray according to the Word. Take the Word with you when you go to prayer and you’ll get results.”*
 - c. The Word is the foundation for everything that exists.
 - d. So to enforce the triumphant victory of Jesus, we have to go to Him through the Word to see what are the “exceeding great promises” we can have in Jesus.
 - e. We must see what we can have by the Holy Spirit and the anointing as a believer and man of God.
 - f. We must also see how God prays to God so we can know how to operate as a Son of God.
 - g. John 15:7 (NKJV then AMPC)
 - h. 1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)
 - i. John 17:20-23 (NKJV)
8. The Spirit
- a. All Word and no Spirit, we dry up. All Spirit and no Word, we blow up.
 - b. Pastor Terri - *“We hunger for the Word and thirst for the Spirit.”*
 - c. We need the Spirit of God to reveal to us what we need to know for every situation.

- d. Kenneth Hagin – *“Moving into that place is fueled by prayer, fired by the Spirit, and ignited with His glory.”*
 - e. Review Romans 8:26-27 (NKJV)
 - f. John 6:63 (NKJV then NLT)
 - g. John 14:14-17 (NKJV then AMPC)
 - h. John 16:13 (AMPC)
 - i. The Spirit will show us what to do, so be in tune with him.
9. Challenge/Closing
- a. So how can we walk in everything that God has for us here as Men of EMIC, as residents of Fort Worth, Texas, USA, and as a brother in the Body of Christ?
 - b. We must position ourselves to victoriously reinforce the victory that we already have through Jesus.
 - We must come up to the place of authority that God has for us.
 - Pastor Terri - *“Under the direction of the Holy Spirit a society is transformed through the Word of faith and prayer.”*
 - Pastor Terri - *“Did you know you can pray for kings and those in authority and touch the world because everyone, on the planet are affected by decisions that are made by kings and those in authority? It is through positions of authority that God can move and position the whole world into His end-time plan and purpose.”*
 - c. We must each abide in the Presence of God for ourselves.
 - He’s our Father, and He wants to talk to us.
 - Hearing from God is no longer an option; it’s now a requirement.
 - The first place man was put in was in the Presence of God in the Garden of Eden.
 - And we will eventually fully enter that place where we will walk in the Presence of God. But we must seek Him as much as we can.
 - Kenneth Hagin – *“There is a place in prayer that mighty few of us have ever attained unto Yet it is a field that’s beckoning to every single Christian.”*
 - Take at least 15 minutes, or maybe 30 minutes for some of y’all, and pray and seek Him. And when you seek Him, He will come to meet you where you’re at.
 - Let me close with this. Pastor Terri has said this before, *“One thing is needful. One thing is vital. And that is time with Jesus. That is what is of real value. Not just in the morning, but all throughout the day.”*
 - The one thing we seek in Prayer is Him. And if you haven’t received Jesus or received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, let’s take care of that now.
 - You can’t function in this armor of God or in prayer without being filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - Prayer
 - d. Table Discussion
 - It is also important that we pray the Word at all times including when we don’t know what to pray specifically.





