

8—Pray in the Spirit

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INTRO:

I. → Ephesians 6:10-21

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

→ 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

→ 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

→ 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

→ 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

BODY:

I. Prayer in the Spirit

18 through all prayer and supplication praying at all times in the Spirit (YLT)

- A. Prayer is the most powerful weapon God gave the church.
- 1) **1 Corinthians 14:15**
So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.
 - 2) WHITE CHURCHES REJECTING AZUSA STREET
CHARISMATIC CHURCHES IN THE 1960'S
- B. It is not only our mind that prays but our spirit as well.
- 1) **Romans 8:26**
In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (NASU)
 - 2) HELPING KIDS DISCOVER THE GIFT OF TONGUES

II. Prayer for Power

18 watching in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints (YLT)

- A. Jesus gave us a mission to bring healing and salvation.
- 1) **Luke 5:17**
And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them. (KJV)
 - 2) VISITING THE MEGA CHURCHES
- B. It is only in His power that we can set others free.
- 1) **Acts 3:12-13**
When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"
 - 2) TEACHING THE KIDS ABOUT DEVOTIONALS

III. Prayer for Boldness

19 and in behalf of me, that to me may be given a word in the opening of my mouth, in freedom, to make known the secret of the good news. (YLT)

A. We need more than just words, we need a Word.

1) **Jeremiah 1:11-12**

The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you see, Jeremiah?" "I see the branch of an almond tree," I replied. The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

2) **JOHN BROWN PRAYING**

B. Once God gives us the boldness we can change the world.

1) Grk (*parresía*) to speak boldly and freely

2) **Acts 28:31**

He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

1 Corinthians 14:16

Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying?

John 4:23

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.