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Message Series: Who We Are In Christ

Today's Message: In The Battle – Pray!

Ephesians 6:10-13

Ephesians 6:18, 19 *“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God’s mysterious plan that the Good News is for the Jews and Gentiles alike.”*

1. The Laser _____ and Power of Prayer

A) **“Pray in the Spirit”** - “the point of prayer is not to get answers from God, but to have perfect and complete _____ with Him.”

Romans 8:26 *“And the Spirit helps us in our weakness... we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groaning’s...”*

⇒ To Be “Filled with the Spirit” - is to be _____ His leading and our prayer is in then in His will, not ours.

B) **“At All Times”** - Knowing → Loving → Obeying → Knowing...

⇒ In The Battle—Luke 18:1 *“Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.”*

Psalm 34:5 *“Those who look to Him for help will be radiant with joy, no dark shadow of shame will darken their faces.”*

Psalm 55:17, 19 *“Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, and He will hear my voice... God will hear and answer.”*

Colossians 3:2 *“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things”*

Matthew 13:22 *“... but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.”*

C) **“Stay Alert and be Persistent”** - Luke 11:9 *“And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”*

Problem: Most of us don’t get serious about prayer until a problem comes.

Philippians 1:8-11

Philippians 1:17 *“... I want you to receive a reward...”*

2. Paul’s Own Need - Ephesians 6:19 *“Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain...”*

Truth: God doesn’t use the gifted, brilliant, self-sufficient person—for that person feels no desperate need to depend upon God.

Ephesians 4:12 *“Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ.”*