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SIGN UP FOR THE BATTLE

By Kysha Currence

On 9/11, we all saw the images of the twin towers smoldering, our first responders covered in soot, people walking around stunned and dazed. We saw the Pentagon (one of our foremost signs of strength), a mere 4 miles from the Whitehouse, with a huge hole on one side. We heard about the plane crash in Pennsylvania when hijackers tried to commandeer the plane. In an instant some of our comfort left. These types of attacks no longer were in some far away country that we just heard about on the news. This was America. Things like this don't happen in America. We are known for our power, strength, and patriotism. We grow up with images of the flag, strong and powerful. This happened on American soil.

So what was the response of some? The overwhelming response of "some" men and women was to sign-up to fight for our country in the Iraq War (Operation Iraqi Freedom). No matter what opinions we have about the war and how we got there, this was a war that Americans thought was in part a response to the 9/11 attacks. We were making America safer by ridding the world of a dictator with Weapons of Mass Destruction. And thousands of men and women signed up to fight. In the more than 10 years of fighting in the war, we NEVER had to "draft" one soldier. We never even had to consider drafting soldiers because people kept signing up to go fight against our enemy – first, a dictator, and then extremists who DARED to attack America.

So my question is what is our response? What is your response? What is my response? What is the churches response? To our enemy who tortures, lures, antagonizes, entices, steals, kills, and destroys in our homes, neighborhoods, city, state, country. You realize that the enemy has weapons of mass destructions right – homosexuality (completely undermining God's definition and ideal of marriage), drugs (crack epidemic in the black community. I could show you whole towns devastated by this.

Heroin epidemic that we are in the midst of right now. Devastating whole communities), human trafficking (devastating our entire world. The numbers are staggering. Estimated \$31B industry, second only to drugs.

Estimated that up to 4M people are victims human trafficking), pornography (devastating families).

I won't talk about any of you but I will be honest about myself. I am not signing up for many fights these days. But God is saying that these weapons of mass destruction that you see every day should push to action like it did the brave men and women who signed up to fight in Operation Iraqi Freedom. I should want to be a part of God's Liberation Army.

You know it all goes back to the Bible. So God asked me this question, do you want to "sign-up" for the fight or do you want to be "drafted" against your will? He told me that it's time for us to sign-up for some fights. You recognize that God already knows what we are going to do so you might as well sign-up anyway.



SIGN UP– CONT'D

Let's look at some examples for the Bible: Isaiah –with his courage and willingness to be God's mouthpiece no matter the cost, signed up for the fight!! When Isaiah had the encounter with God in Chapter 6, God never asked Isaiah to do anything. Basically God asked Isaiah, "Do you have any recommendations on who we can send?" Isaiah raised his hand and said "Me Lord, Send me." Isaiah didn't even know where he was going to be sent!! He signed up before he even knew what he was fighting for.

Nehemiah – Nehemiah signed up to go build the wall. God never asked Nehemiah to go build the wall. He was comfortable being the cupbearer for the King. But after he heard about the report about his brethren who had returned to Jerusalem, he could not continue to live in comfort. He was like the men and women who signed up after seeing those twin towers fall. They saw the destruction of NYC. They heard about the deaths. They took to heart the stories of a dictator in Iraq and they signed up. Nehemiah did the same thing.

Benaiah –one of David's Mighty Men discussed in 1 Chron and 1 Kings. Like any mighty man, he was prone to exploits. God didn't ask him to sign up for any fights. Benaiah signed up to go kill a lion on a snowy day that was in a pit. So, not only did he kill a lion. That lion was in a pit probably minding its own business and it was a snowy day. Not the best circumstances to go and fight a lion. But Benaiah said, sign me up. And get this, even after doing that, he was in the 2nd tier of David's Mighty Men. Not the first tier. These exploits were just a prelude to his promotion. After killing that lion, David made him in charge of the guard. But after David's death and Solomon comes to power, Benaiah is promoted to being in charge of the whole army (1 Kings 2:35). Mainly because Benaiah was a man of character who followed Solomon after David's death instead of plotting against Solomon.

I am a lawyer and I love to fight at work. It gets my adrenaline pumping. When I win, I feel more confident about the next fight. So here I am fighting and winning at work. But shrinking back from fights for the Kingdom. What's the difference: STRATEGY!! At work, I take the time to strategize with my team before I get on the phone and start beating people up. I make sure that I know everything I could possibly know before I go into that call. We go over points and counterpoints. Most of the time I have most of it choreographed in my mind before I ever get on the phone. Strategizing makes the difference.

So when we want to tackle something like human trafficking, then we need to strategize with people like Dr. Marlene Carson who is on the front lines. Dr. Marlene, what are you seeing, what can we pray for, what can we do, how can we win the hearts and minds of the victims. When you combine that kind of front line ministry with prayer warriors who know how to get an SOS to heaven, it's a win-win. When you combine the front line ministry with prayer warriors on the front line then you really get a win-win.

WAKE UP, THOSE IN COVENANT!

By John Hazlewood

For the past 20 years my wife and I have been involved in marriage ministry and the activity of strengthening and restoring couples who have committed their lives to live according to the covenant of God. Why would Christians today be so applaud about our culture moving further and further to a decadent state; the acceptance of alternative life styles is only the beginning. Does not the bible clearly give us insight about the times we live in? I Tim 4:1 and II Tim 3:1-8 are two places the scriptures spoke of and warn believers of things to come.

The world around us is ruled and influenced by the prince of this world Satan and we need to be clear about his agenda. We as Christians have a responsibility to influence and proclaim the cross of Jesus Christ by being an example of a righteous and Holy God who can redeem. My heart is focused on the fact that the institution of marriage and that covenant has been under attack. It touches the core of who we are as believers, our families, the church, and our communities of believers all over the world.

Marriage is not a contract that joins a man and a women together, it represents from the beginning what God established. Gen 2:24, Matt 19:4-6, Eph. 5:31. If we understand that God has established this, we must also not be ignorant that Satan has been looking to confound, confuse, and destroy what God has established. Consider the first act in the garden, "He said to the women, "Did God actually Say," (Gen 3: 1). Satan speaks the conflicting word, he has attacked what God has established. This attack has been going on for centuries to confuse and dilute what God has said and what He has established.

Saints we know that most of our battles are in the spirit realm. If he can keep our families isolated, full of conflict and sin, he will control the destiny of many generations. If he can keep families in check he will control how and if churches thrive in the world. Have you not heard that the Bible speaks of this analogy between the marriage relationship and the Bride of Christ (Eph. 5:32)? The Bible has so much to say about this subject and this article is only an introduction. We need to wake up and fight back for this precious covenant that God has ordained. He has many blessings and benefits wrapped in the marriage covenant. The call to wake up can have many meanings.

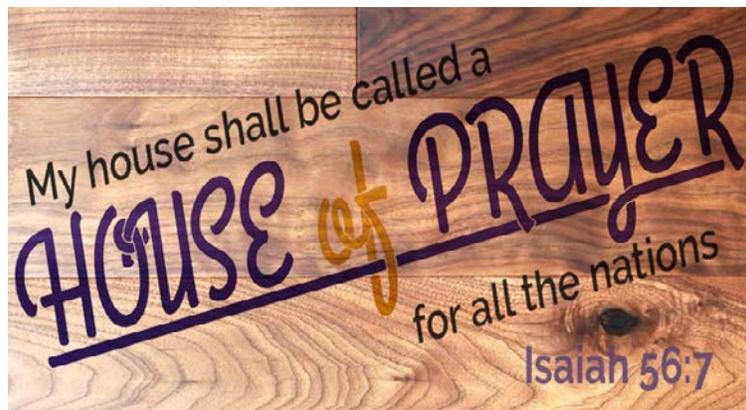
I'd like to give you four things to pray and seek the Lord about.

- 1) Study the marriage covenant, define it, understand it, and seek a fresh revelation about it.
- 2) Build a biblical strategy to fight the good fight of faith in your marriage. This does not mean your marriage is failing. Attacks come from many avenues. ". . . In this world you will have tribulation. ." John 16:33. We have to fight through our personal sin, establish forgiveness and all of the fruits of the spirit to get victory.

WAKE UP, THOSE IN COVENANT-CONT'D

- 3) Establish resources in your spiritual life. The husband and wife need to press in together. Marriage encouragement is to help couples keep fresh the passion and commitment they began with. Books, devotions, classes, workshop, and anything to encourage and develop our covenant relationship. Sometimes we need to get away from the stress of life and focus on each other. This is the least we should do, for the blessing (him/her) God has given us.
- 4) And last but not least, do not deny the fellowship of the saint. Attending a local church body is an edifying experience and put us in the midst of believers to encourage us in our battle.

As you seek the Lord in these areas we would love to hear from you and how God is working in your marriage. If we can be a source of strength and encouragement please let us know.



TAKING OUR POSITION IN PRAYER

By LaSherry Willis

Awake, awake, it's time to take our place. No longer are we as the army of God allowed to sit on the sidelines while others engage in the battle. There is a war going on in our front yard and we must take our position in prayer and refuse to give place to our enemy. We HAVE to pray. Jesus came as our example and prayer was a daily part of His life. We are to follow His example.

As we take our place and stand in the gap for our city, nation and the world in which we live, the Holy Spirit works in and through us to establish God's plan here on the earth. Prayer allows us to align our wills with God's will. In prayer, secrets and strategies are revealed. We get the very heart of the Father as we take time to tune in to the frequency of Heaven and stand in the gap for our community, city, state, country and world. As we gather to pray, we make power available that is dynamic in its working.

God is looking for those who will build up the wall and stand in the gap before Him for the land so that it will not be destroyed (Ezekiel, 22:30). Prayer is our opportunity to partner with God. The Holy Spirit comes to our aid as we speak God's perfect will into this land. God declares in Isaiah 56:7, "My house shall be a house of prayer for all people". It is our duty as houses of God, to pray for ALL people. We have to choose to continually give ourselves to prayer and the Word as the disciples did in Acts 6:4.

Each month we join together as a church and community to pray and seek God's heart for our city. God does not disappoint by revealing the very plans of the enemy and strategies to overcome the powers of darkness. We extend a warm welcome to everyone to join with us as we use our weapon of prayer to take back what the enemy has stolen. "One can chase a thousand and two, ten thousand. Together we make a mighty army that can put the enemy to flight as we ROAR over this nation, the plans and purposes of God.

HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCH!

RELEASING THE GENERALS

By Tom Sarge

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I have called you to war. I am shaking the nations. I am sending my generals to bring confusion to the enemy. You shall see a mighty harvest coming forth. As my generals are released, they shall speak to the darkness. The darkness is being exposed to the light. Rise up and be not afraid. I am shaking the things that the enemy thinks he has control of. I am measuring out my anointing and authority upon my anointed ones. I shall cause my church to rise up. They shall cause darkness to flee.

So be vigilant my people. Arise to the cause and join with my generals. Join forces with them and be united and flow together as good soldiers. My army is awake and looking for directions. They shall move as a unit of one. Be strong and of good courage. Make haste and work with me, my people. Stand fast and be strong. Recognize that the time is here that many people will walk and work for the cause. It is surely a cause worth fighting for, your Lord.

ABORTION

More than half of Ohio abortion clinics will have closed in five years if the state follows through with denials of variances issued Friday for facilities in Cincinnati and Dayton.

The Ohio Department of Health rejected variance requests for the Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio clinic in the Mount Auburn neighborhood of Cincinnati and the Women's Med Center of Dayton. The variances were denied by health Director Richard Hodges because they do not have "written transfer agreements" for patients in case of emergency.

Abortions dropped in Ohio to a 38-year low last year, a reduction partially attributed to the clinic closings. There were 21,186 abortions performed last year, an 8.7 percent drop from 2013 and the lowest number since 1976.

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GOSHNELL, PUTS BLAME OF ABORTION ON THE BIBLE

Kermit Gosnell, an abortionist who was convicted for late term abortions is now using the word of God to defend his actions. He says, "Until I really completed my first Genesis through Revelation reading of the Bible, which I did since I was incarcerated, I really didn't feel as comfortable as I am. "I think it's Genesis 2:7 (that) expresses the breath of life as the beginning of life. That God breathed breath, breathed life into Adam. The Bible to me is very clear that life does not happen until breath." So, in his eyes a fetus is not living until it is breathing. Having no one else to blame, he has now turned to blaming God.....

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or

eaglerock.org/prayerrequests.html

HEROIN EPIDEMIC IN OHIO HITS NATIONAL NEWS

The continued growth of the heroin epidemic here in Ohio was recently aired nationally on *60 Minutes*. "A record 2,482 Ohioans died of drug-related deaths in 2014, according to preliminary statistics from the Ohio Department of Health. About half of those deaths – 1,177 – involved heroin, which many addicts have turned to as a cheaper and more available alternative to prescription pain pills" (Pelzer, 2015, www.Columbus.com).

SPIRITUAL MAPPING - DUBLIN, OHIO

Dublin, Ohio

Dublin, located along the Scioto River is one of the most progressive communities in Central, Ohio. Its' first inhabitants were Indian settlers. John Sells and his family purchased 400 acres of land along the Scioto River in the early 1800s. This area was platted as a village in 1810. The site of the original purchase is called Historic downtown Dublin. John Shields an Irishman and friend of Sells was given the pleasure of naming the city. Because he was from Dublin, Ireland, he named the city Dublin.

Dublin history includes stories about the legend of Leatherlips, the great Wyandotte chief, and how Dublin lost the rights to become the capital of Ohio in a poker game.

In the 1880's Dublin was known as the roughest frontier town in the area. Young men raced their buckboards and horses through town throwing mud over porches and shop windows. There were drunken brawls and cussing matches and rock fights in the streets with rival gangs from Worthington and Columbus." (Dublin Historic Society).

Dublin is the home of many fortune 500 companies and one of the richest cities in Ohio.

