

PRAYER WALKING: Spiritual Warfare in Action

Prayer walking is praying on-site (location) with insight (cognitive observation) and inspiration (Holy Spirit revelation). It is talking to God about people rather than talking to people about God. It is preparing the land for a visitation and revival.

Using the information we have studied in this and the previous lessons, we can go into a very important topic, praying outside the walls of the church. However, many well meaning believers have experienced life threatening defeats. They approached prayer walking with a lack of understanding of the enemy's power or zeal and their approach was based not on God's direction but a human zeal and pride. Notice the important attitude even the Archangel had about combat against the devil: *But even the archangel Michael, when he disputed with the devil over the body of Moses, did not presume to bring a slanderous judgment against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"* (Jude 9)

Here are a few important principles to understand when prayer walking.

Prayer walking is...

1. **Identificational intercession.** This is to identify yourself with the sins of the people among whom you live and to ask God for His blessing, etc. on their behalf.
 - A. Ezekiel 22:30 *So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.*
 - B. Nehemiah's intercessory prayer for Israel in captivity in Nehemiah 1 *...that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night,... and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned...*
2. **Praying on location.**
 - A. Genesis 13:14-17 *...(Abraham) Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."*
 - B. Joshua 6:2-5 *And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days...*
3. **With insight and understanding.**
 - A. Spiritual mapping is researching the history of an area, city, etc. and ask what has happened here and what is God's desire for the community or area?
 - B. Numbers 13:16-20 *Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way into the South, and go up to the mountains, and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds; whether the land is rich or poor;... And bring some of the fruit of the land."*
4. **Clothed in the power of the Spirit.**
 - A. Luke 10:1-23 *...Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way;*

behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves... Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you..."

- B. Ephesians 6:10-13 ...*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

5. For the advancement of God's Kingdom.

- A. Isaiah 40:3 *Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,...*

Basic steps of a prayer walk or journey.

- A. Always be sent by God!
- B. Research the history.
- Ask what has happened here and what is God's desire for the community or area?
- C. Pray with/in God's Spirit.
- Be attentive during moments of silence, allowing the Holy Spirit to help you see with His eyes and pray in accordance with His heart.
 - Pray in the Spirit. Quietly pray in your Heavenly language as the Spirit moves.
- D. Pray with God's Word.
- Choose a particular verse or theme as a base for your prayers throughout the prayer walk.
- E. Pray with purpose.
- Pray for the needs of people and places that you see.
- F. Pray with identification.
- Stand before God on behalf of the people.
- G. Pray with thanksgiving.
- We give thanks to God for His wonderful works among His people and for calling us out of darkness and into His Kingdom.
- H. Pray with repentance.
- We confess and ask God to forgive and to cleanse us for our sin.
 - We confess and acknowledge the sin and wrongdoing of our city, and ask God for His forgiveness.
- I. Pray with blessing.
- We speak blessing by asking God to pour out His Spirit.
- J. When finished, seal what happened in prayer and receive God's blood covering (protection) when the prayer walk/journey has ended.

Ephesians 6:18 ...praying always with all prayer and supplication... for all the saints...

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