

WEEK #5 *ENGAGE THE ENEMY*—“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...”

Introduction:

“Pastor I need your help!” was the frantic voice of a Christian realtor who just sold a house to an immigrant family. The family’s dream of a house of their own in Mississauga has turned into a nightmarish experience as they recounted the nightly visitation of a “white” person sitting in their living room and disappearing at will.

Immediately I gathered a team and asked them to fast for a day and arranged to “visit” this family. This family includes a young couple with two small children, a grandmother who just arrive a few weeks earlier and a weekend border. After exchanging names and a brief introduction to the purpose of our “visit,” my team got to “work” right away.

While praying, the Holy Spirit directed me to deal first with the grandmother. Her eyes became fierce and turned red like fire. It wasn’t very long for me to engage a demonic spirit, which had been her “companion” and “protector” since she was a child. The voice of the demon sounded like a young woman who claimed absolute control over the grandmother. I instructed my team to be calmed, open their eyes while praying and sing songs of praise, worship and victory. Then I spoke directly to the demonic spirit and commanded “it” to leave the grandmother. When “it” left, the countenance of the grandmother changed instantaneously.

The following week, the new homeowners reported no sighting of this “white” person sitting in their living room!

This week, we will look at spiritual warfare and take up our battle positions. Our position is that we are children of God (1 John 3:1) and that our victory has already been guaranteed (1 John 3:8b) because of Christ’s death on the cross. Thus, we reign in the heavenly places with Jesus Christ and have authority over powers and principalities of this world (Ephesians 1:18-21). Your spiritual warfare may not be as dramatic as the story above, nevertheless you know and feel that you are in a battle.

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Day 6: Warfare prayer facilitates the efficient and effective communication of the gospel.

*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 saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. Ephesians 6:18-20 (NIV)*

1. What would happen if there were a group of people in our churches consistently praying for preachers of the Good News? (Just to compare, think of what happened in the ministry of Paul as the believers prayer for him).
2. How would this kind of commitment to prayer impact our communities across Canada?
3. Prayer in the Spirit is the summary of how all the pieces of the armour are used in this material. It is the ultimate weapon. How many different types and ways of prayer are mentioned here? List a number of ways that you pray. Would you commit to that?

Thought for the Day:

Preachers of the Good News need your partnership in prayer. This is a partnership that you can easily be involved in and encourage others to be involved in as well.

