

## Day 1

July 6



*Pray | That the Lord would reveal what it means to pray WITH spiritual authority*

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Praying in the spiritual realm requires boldness. Firmness. Despite our fear of inadequacy. In spite of our fleshly weakness. It requires us to remember what HE did on the cross. That it didn't end on the cross. That in the end, HE wins. We win. The story has already been written.



*Read | Matthew 4:1-11*



*Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on the following prompts:*  
This week we will be learning what it means to pray with spiritual authority. We will learn about the three things it takes to be effective in this kind of prayer: We must know our enemy. We must know our authority. And we must know how to fight. Which part do you look forward to learning about the most?

Think back on a time in your life when you had to act decisively, and with boldness. How did this make you feel afterward?

Today's passage of Jesus being tempted by the devil in the wilderness is familiar to many of us. But how often have we really dove deep into it; dissected it; truly reflected on what we can take from it, and apply in our own lives? Jesus is physically weak, but he sure isn't spiritually weak. Read this passage slowly several times. Take notes. Highlight. Underline. Write questions. What stands out to you? How specifically was Jesus bold? How was he firm? What was HIS most powerful weapon?



*Pray | For the World*

Pray for our Ministry partners in China. To adapt ministry methods to the political situation in china to move the Gospel forward. There is currently increased scrutiny and pressure by the government. Please pray for the Pathways training program initiated by Reach Global and being multiplied by house church leaders – for more leaders for house churches – gathering must be small, so many leaders are needed. Please also pray for the development of remote or online training and mentoring tools.

## Day 2

July 7



*Pray | For the Lord to reveal to us the NATURE of our enemy*

### WE MUST KNOW OUR ENEMY

Satan and his demons are not just some fairy tale made up in the history of literature. They are real. They are fierce. They are relentless. They want nothing more than to see us destroyed. Satan wants to destroy our lives; destroy our families; destroy our future. And there is nothing he won't do to try and achieve his goals. But there is something that will stop him. Praying with the boldness of who WE HAVE on our side. We have the HOLY SPIRIT living within us.



*Read | 1st Peter 5:8 / Ephesians 6:12*



*Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on the following prompts:*

As the scholar, N.T. Wright says:

“When human beings worship that which is not God, they give authority to forces of destruction and malevolence; and those forces gain power” (Greig, 2019). Are there idols in your life, that you have put before God, that the enemy could use, or has used, to gain a foothold in your life? Pray that the Lord would reveal these to you. Confess these now.

When we go to battle, fighting Satan in the heavenly realms, we must pray with a fervor and boldness, that comes from knowing our enemy. Has there been a time or period in your life where you have underestimated the forces of evil? Underestimated the intentions or prowess of the enemy? How did this impact the outcome of the situation?

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## Day 3

July 8



*Pray | Thank the Lord that it is on HIS AUTHORITY, not ours, that we can fight and defeat Satan*

### KNOW YOUR AUTHORITY

Many times, as children of the Most High King, we do not understand our own personal authority to contend against the most evil forces of the enemy; and to win. Many times, we are too timid in our prayers; too fearful of the enemy (Greig, 2019).

What we sometimes don't recognize, is the authority UPON WHICH we are praying. We are praying with the same authority and power that raised Christ from the dead. That cast out demons. That CONQUERED THE GRAVE. That is the power, and the authority, by which we can pray, when we fight in the spiritual realm.



*Read | Ephesians 6:10-20 / Ephesians 2:6-7*



*Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on the following prompts:*

Ephesians 6 talks about putting on the full armor of God. Just like a soldier would put on his uniform and gear when going into battle, we need to put on God's armor when going to battle against Satan and his evil forces. When reading this passage, which armor is most important? Is there one piece that is more important than another? What if we don't have one piece; are missing one of the components of the authority of Christ? How can this make us vulnerable?

What does it mean to be "raised up with Christ"? How would you explain this to someone who doesn't know the Lord?

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## Day 4 July 9



*Pray | For SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT on what and how to pray in that very moment*

### KNOW HOW TO FIGHT

When we go to battle, we have to know what to bring. What to fight with. If we choose the wrong thing or make the wrong choice, it could mean the difference between victory or defeat.

When fighting evil, we need to choose a weapon that will serve us well, no matter the enemy or the terrain. A weapon that never changes. A weapon that never falters. A weapon that never fails. What is this elusive weapon?

When praying with spiritual authority, when fighting against principalities in the heavenly realms, there is only one weapon that will never fail us: and that is the always true, never wrong, never changing, life breathing WORD OF GOD.



*Read | Hebrews 4:12 / James 4:7*



*Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one the following prompts:*

As Peter Greig states, there are three questions you should always ask when confronting any kind of conflict in prayer:

*Diagnosis:* What is the enemy's strategy against this person or place?

*Prognosis:* What might God's better plan be for this person or place?

*Prescription:* What can I now do, both prayerfully and practically, to thwart Satan's plan and to welcome God's better purposes into this person, place, or situation? (Greig, 2019)

Reflect on these. What would be the most challenging of the three for you?

The Bible says that the Word of God is sharper than any double edged sword. We derive the word 'gladiator', from the word 'gladius', which is the word used to describe the type of sword described in scripture. What kind of imagery does this make you think of?

We fight evil with the Word of God. This week commit to memory a couple of scriptures centered around remembering God's promises.

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## Day 5

July 10



*Pray | To fight Satan like the warrior on the white horse*

ON HIS ROBE AND ON HIS THIGH HE HAS THIS NAME WRITTEN:  
KING OF KING AND LORD OF LORDS

We know how the story ends.

Right now in your life, it might feel like it is the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter; you are down by three touchdowns; and your star quarterback just got injured and taken out of the game.

You feel hopeless. It seems like your situation and your circumstances are TOO BIG for God.

But then read today's passage. Read about the kind of WARRIOR we serve. Read how the story ends. Now pray with that kind of confidence. Satan doesn't stand a chance...



*Read | Revelation 19:11-16*



*Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on the following prompts:*

Often times we don't think of God in the context of Revelation 19. How come? What emotions does reading this passage stir up inside of you?

Is there a situation in your life right now that feels like it is too big for God? Give it to Him right now in prayer. And tell Satan he doesn't stand a chance.

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