

THE WAR WITHIN

Philippians 4.4-9 // December 13, 2020

THE BATTLE CRY

Paul is exhorting the church in Philippi to be on a mission and in a battle, and he rallies them at the end of his letter with a battle cry. One commentator says that this battle cry is a rally for “an alternative political body [the church], ruled by a different Lord, different than that body made up of citizens of Philippi under the dominion of Caesar.” Our attitudes, focus, character, and engagement in this life should not be reflective of the world, but of our Kingdom and our King.

It ought to be the world that is stiff, bristly, cold, calloused and cynical. It ought not be those who know Jesus.

WEAPON OF WARFARE

Firstly, there is *nothing* that is allowable for us to be given to incessant anxiety, worry, fear, frustration. *Nothing* should take center stage, and *nothing* should become our obsession. Instead, *everything* should be given to God in prayer.

**Prayer is our openness about our needs before God,
our emptiness in his presence, our absolute dependence
upon him with an attitude of constant
thanksgiving and complete trust.**

-Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

GOING ON THE OFFENSIVE

Paul also gives us practical wisdom; a way to combat our anxiety and frustrations. Our focus should not be on what is external and “out there,” but rather on what is internal and “in here.”

James tells us that with this war that is going on inside of ourselves, we will often either *not* use our weapon of prayer, *or* when we *do* use it, we use it *wrongly*. We often use prayer for selfish motives or to use to change *others*, rather than it being used as a tool to change and discipline *us*.

James 4.1-3, 11, 12 // Hebrews 12.11-14
Romans 16.20 // Colossians 3.12-17

**Not only will the gift of the peace of God be given,
but even better, the gift of the God of peace will be given.**

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 John 2:2

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Philippians 4.4-9**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

What anxieties, frustrations, cynicism, bitterness, or fear has a tendency to dictate how you respond, think, or feel towards circumstances or people?

Your Life Mission

As we head into the Christmas season, there are many who we will be seeing or talking with that we can have opportunities to share Jesus with them. Which relationships or get-togethers might be in your future that you would like prayer for, to help them hopefully see their need for the Prince of Peace in their lives?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision**
 - Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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