

A Warriors Guide to Life's Battles



Anointing
1 Samuel 19
onwards

1 Samuel 16 : 11 - 13

One of the most unique attributes of David, as a warrior, was that the Spirit of the Lord was on his life in a very clear way. From a very young age David was set apart by Samuel and the Spirit of God rested on him.

Q : Has there been a time in your life when the Spirit of the Lord came upon you in a powerful way?

I believe if you were to ask David what was the key to his success he would point to the presence of God being so real to him. David clearly felt the Spirit in a manifest way. He declared that he was lead by the spirit in making decisions, strengthened by the spirit in difficult times, and saw his prayer and worship elevated by the spirit so it was no longer duty but was inspired and powerful.

Q : What is it that you personally recognize the Holy Spirit works or does in your life? What is the most treasured thing to you (i.e. peace, wisdom, strength, guidance etc)?

Q : What difference would it make if the Holy Spirit was no longer operating in your life? What emotions, feelings, and sense of loss would it bring?

Psalm 84:1-12

David learnt that he needed to actively pursue God's presence. The power, direction, and goodness of God flowed from his times in God's presence and lingering with God.

Q. What has it looked like for you to "refuel" on Gods presence?

Q. What is the difference between prayer times and taking time to be in his presence?

David made being in God's presence a priority in his life. Even when he was king he brought the tabernacle and ark of the covenant to the centre of Jerusalem so he might worship day and night. He even changed the whole system so people could now come close to the ark rather than separated by priests.

Q. Do you think the love of being in God's presence is for everyone or do you think some love the word (etc) while others love worship and our preference is due to temperament?

Q. Why do we sometimes resist being in God's presence? How does the flesh play a role in this and how do we overcome the flesh?

THIS WEEKS PRAYER FOCUS

A church of Unity and Community

22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17

A church filled with the breath of God

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3

A church strong in the word

25 Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5

A church where our people are effective in sharing the good news where ever they are

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9

A church where people are released into their ministries and gifting

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Ephesians 5 : 11 - 13

A church of healing for the spirit, soul, and body

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4

A church of young people (children, youth, young adults)

"Then, after doing all those things,

I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your old men will dream dreams,

and your young men will see visions.

Joel 2 : 28

A church where the ministers are anointed and flowing in their gifting.

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Ephesians 5 : 11 - 13

