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War Room Strategy  
Ephesians 6:10-20

2  **Ephesians 6:10-13**

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> 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.*

3  **Ephesians 6:14-17**

*<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*

4  **Ephesians 6:18-20**

*<sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— <sup>19</sup> and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

5 6 7 8  **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you –  
Ye dare not trust your own;  
Put on the gospel armor,  
Each piece put on with prayer,  
Where duty calls, or danger,  
Be never wanting there.*

9  **"PRAYING ALWAYS" – KJV, NKJV**

- NIV: "on all occasions"
- NLT: "at all times and on every occasion"
- ESV, NASB: "at all times"
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17: "Pray without ceasing."

10  **Living constantly in an attitude of God-consciousness**

Understanding who God is

- Loving – all-powerful – always ready to come to my aid
- Hebrews 4:16: *"Let us come . . . boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

11  **Understanding my weakness and need:**

1 Corinthians 10:12: *"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."*

1 Corinthians 10:13: *"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."*

12  **Soldiers on the battlefield**

Must stay in constant contact with their commanders:

- Artillery Support
- Air support

13  **A10 Warthog**

14  **TURN YOUR RADIO ON**

- *"Turn your radio on, turn your radio on . . . and listen to the Master's radio, Get in touch with God, turn your radio on."*
- That's what *"praying always"* means
  - Whatever problem, whatever temptation, whatever need we have night or day, all we have to do is PRAY – God is always there – always available – always ready!
  - THEREFORE – Pray always!

15  **PRAYING WITH "ALL PRAYER"**

- There different ways to pray.
- Positions of prayer – standing – kneeling – sitting – lying in bed
- Aspects of prayer – private prayer – public prayer – secret prayer – closet prayer – long prayers – short prayers
  - D. L. Moody – *"A man who prays much in private, will make short prayers in public"*

16  **Romans 8:26-27**

*"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."*

17  **Types of Prayer**

- Prayer
- Supplication
- Intercession
  - Job 42:10: *"And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before."*
- Thanksgiving, Praise and Adoration
  - Psalm 22:3: *"You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel!"*

18  **PRAISING WITH SUPPLICATION**

- A prayer word for bringing specific requests to God.
- Remember that prayer is spiritual warfare.
  - Soldiers on the battlefield encounter specific needs.
  - So it is with the Christian in our prayer life.
  - God delights in answering those petitions –
  - Phil. 4:6: *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”*

19  **PRAISING IN THE SPIRIT**

- In our prayer life we have two Advocates:
  - Jesus, the Son of God intercedes for us before the throne of glory. 1 John 2:1: *“... We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”*
  - Our second Advocate is the Holy Spirit:
- The Holy Spirit resides in us.
  - 1 Corinthians 6:19: *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”*

20  **Access to the Father by the Spirit**

Ephesians 2:18: *“For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”*

Romans 8:26-27: *“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*

21  **PRAISING WITH WATCHFULNESS**

Because of the devil

- Ephesians 6:11-12: *“<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”*
- 1 Peter 5:8: *“Be sober (self-controlled, don’t panic), be vigilant (watchful): because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”*

22  **Jesus is our example**

Matthew 26:37-29: *“<sup>37</sup> And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. <sup>38</sup> Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” <sup>39</sup> He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”*

23  **Jesus is our example**

Christ’s mission in coming into the world:

- Satan was there in the garden tempting Christ.
- *“What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* (Matthew 26:40-41).

24  **PRAYING WITH PERSEVERANCE**

- Greek word translated perseverance means steadfastness of purpose; unremitting persistence to accomplish a goal.
- Jesus' parables:
  - Luke 18:1-8 – the Parable of the Unjust Judge
  - Luke 11:5-10 – Parable of man at night asking his friend for food.

25  ***Soldiers of Christ, Arise***

*Pray, without ceasing pray,  
Your Captain gives the word,  
His summons cheerfully obey,  
And call upon the Lord:  
To God your every want  
In instant prayer display,  
Pray always, pray, and never faint,  
Pray, without ceasing pray.*

26  **PRAYING FOR ALL THE SAINTS**

Who are we to pray for?

- *"For all the saints"*

Who are we to pray for?

- Paul said, *"for me"*

What do we pray for?

- *"That utterance may be given to me"*

What do we pray for?

- *"That I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel"*