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Connected to the Source of Power

By Rebecca Starr Trammell



"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

I call this scripture my inheritance from my father, William R. Starr. As a child, I heard him praying this scripture. When hearing him quote this, it stayed with me and has been one of my greatest encouragements in times of trouble. I have learned God is there for me in whatever situation I find myself. If I keep my heart right, my prayer life active, and my Bible reading current, it will make my connection strong to the power that is working in me.

I consider some of the greatest gifts from God to be my children and grandchildren. Psalm 127:3 says, "Lo children are an heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Even as we enjoy these gifts from God, we may encounter many troubling times. Whether their sickness, rebellion against God, waywardness, or other scenarios, being connected to the source - Jesus Christ - is our greatest blessing. What we pray to Him in secret He answers in the open. I never feel alone because my trust is in God, and He has walked with me every step of the way.

Has life been perfect? Are all prayers answered as of this moment? No. But my God has promised me, He has given me His Word, and His Word has never failed me. My faith is strong and I feel secure in the knowledge that He will keep His promises. "Let us hold fast to the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)" (Hebrews 10:23).

As I stay connected to the source and travel this journey, I pray for and over my children daily. If I see them going through trials that seem hard to watch as I pray, I trust God has them in the palm of His hand. If He is to make them into a vessel He can use, He may take them places where I can't rescue them. They must look to Him and realize He is their source, not me as a parent.

The greatest blessing we can give our child is to train them up in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6). As we do our training, God steps in and does His training. Let us hold fast and believe that God has all of our best interests at heart. No matter where we find ourselves in this process, we must keep connected to our power source, which is Jesus Christ.

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Prayer and Fasting for Children

By Thetus Tenney



For a godly woman, prayers for her children are as natural as breathing. Fasting adds another dimension.

David realized this. When his child was desperately ill, he knew that fasting and prayer were the most effective things he could do for his child. According to II Samuel 12:16-25, he fasted seven days and lay all night in prayer. He knew that repentance and fasting and prayer would bring mercy.

Ezra was concerned about the safety and welfare of the families and their "little ones." He proclaimed a fast and a time of seeking God for "a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance . . . So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us . . . we departed . . . to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way. And we came to Jerusalem" (Ezra 8:21, 23, 31, 32).

On our way to the heavenly Jerusalem we need the hand of God; we need His guidance and protection for us and for our little ones.

The great prophet Samuel was born to Hannah (I Samuel 1:1-20), a woman of prayer and fasting. She not only gave birth to a son, but because of her desperation with prayer and fasting, this son was born with anointing and turned the nation back to God.

Every year Hannah made a special trip to the temple to sacrifice unto the Lord and to bring a new garment to her son. What a beautiful example for us today.

Vesta Mangun, a woman among us whose name is synonymous with prayer and fasting, gives a special birthday gift to her son. Every year, on his birthday, she spends the day in fasting and prayer for him. What greater gift could be given? She is a twenty-first century Hannah.

"And they brought young children to him . . . and his disciples rebuked . . . them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me . . . And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them" (Mark 10:13-16).

By word and example, Jesus put the children at the center of life. Although He had no children He responded to the children in the Hebrew custom of a father. "He had no children that He might adopt all children" (Bengel).

Pray for the children of the world. Pray consistently and fervently for missing and abused children. Evaluate your attitude and response to children. Is it Christ-like?

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Connect to the Source

By Glenda Alphin



Lately, my mind has been heavy with combined thoughts of the future and the children with whom we come in contact. One doesn't have to read very much news to understand that there is an ongoing war for the mind. Good and evil seek to triumph through the thoughts and actions of others.

Haim Ginott said, "Children are like wet cement; whatever falls on them makes an impression." Whether it's a word or deed, everything has an impact on the young ones that we love. We must make sure that we foundationally connect them to Jesus, the One that can sustain them in the midst

of adversity.

It is imperative that we fully link our children with the belief system in which they're being raised. Training is vital. It's not enough that they simply follow the salvation plan; they must have a biblical foundation in doctrine, not only so that they can share it with others, but so they can stand strong in the midst of opposition. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The world works hard to share its belief systems with our children. What are we doing to combat their process?

I've watched our daughters go through adverse times in their lives while living thousands of miles away from us. My mother's heart would hurt as I prayed from afar, but with each battle won, I thanked God that He pushed us to train them spiritually. When the girls were aged 4 and 6, respectively, the questions began. "Why do we believe that?" "Why do we do that?" "What did Pastor mean when he said that?" Our girls were thinkers, and we knew that the "do it because we said do" scenario would never work. God was the source of our inspiration. He anointed our efforts, and they took the training to heart.

The strength that comes from foundational teaching is priceless, and something that God encourages throughout Scripture. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 tells how the Israelites were to teach their children about Him. Deuteronomy 11:18-21 seconds it, showing how much importance the Lord placed upon the training of children.

Psalm 119:11 says, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (NKJV). It is not enough that we know what we believe. *Our children* must know what we believe. His Word will be a lamp unto their feet, but only if they fully understand the foundation that connects them to our life-giving Source, Jesus.

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Debbie Akers

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Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).





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