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Triumphant Through Prayer

By Wanda Fielder



Being raised in the church from birth, I always believed the Word of God to be true but often leaned on the prayers and faith of my parents to carry me through. There is merit to this blind faith; however there comes a time in everyone's life that he must seek to find a personalization and ownership of that same faith. Often it takes a time of crisis for us to diligently pursue a very personal relationship with the Lord.

My pursuit of faith became more focused when I became a parent, as I then had responsibility for someone other than myself. The knowledge of accountability for others can be overwhelming, but I knew the perfect source of strength and chose to seek Him for direction.

Because of my faithful quest for guidance, I did not expect the curve in the road ahead.

When raising children in the fear of the Lord from day one, we expect nothing less than complete surrender of their lives to Him. When our oldest son began to stray from the Lord, it took us by total shock and grieved our hearts to the fullest. As he began to experiment in things of the world and to veer from the path we had taught him to follow, we wept before the Lord. Surely this couldn't be happening in our God-fearing home. It was time to put our faith to the test.

I began to focus on the Word of God, applying it in a very personal way to our situation. I John 5:14, 15 promises, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." I knew that it was the will of God for our son to serve the Lord, so I began to pray and claim that scripture. I Peter 5:7 has always been a source of strength to me, and I obeyed its command: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

Increasing our faith, my husband and I began to pray and plead the blood of Jesus over our son. I well remember laying on the floor underneath one of the pews in our sanctuary declaring that Satan was not going to have our son. Pleading the blood of Jesus, I claimed him for the Lord and refused to let go of God's promises. Through much prayer and fasting, we received our answer from the Lord. He turned our son around and made his life new in Him.

This situation took place over seventeen years ago. It thrills me to say that our son is serving the Lord faithfully since that turnaround. God has blessed him with a wife and children who also live for the Lord. We are grateful beyond measure.

You can be triumphant through prayer. Never give up.

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Triumphant over Distractions in Prayer

By Liane Grant



Our desire to be triumphant in prayer is sometimes thwarted because we have difficulty dealing with things that distract us before and during our prayer time. To triumph means to be victorious or successful. We can be victorious over time pressure by setting aside time to pray each day. Then, we can be successful in overcoming distractions by keeping our focus on God during that special time.

Ironically, sometimes the distractions come from the very children we love and for whom we pray. After the birth of each of my three sons, I ached for time alone with God. "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee" (Psalm 63:1). But it seemed that no matter how early I got up, the baby would awaken while I was praying. What a blessing when my husband offered to block off an hour each day to be with the kids and give me time for private devotions. It was in his best interests to have a praying

wife, after all.

Susanna, mother of the famous preachers John and Charles Wesley, had a unique solution to uninterrupted prayer time. Although she was raising ten children and her husband was often absent, Susanna was committed to two hours of prayer each day. She trained her kids that whenever she covered her head with her apron, she was praying and should not be disturbed.

If we really want to triumph in prayer, we will find a way somehow. Nowadays, in addition to children, we have email, text messages, Facebook notifications, and Twitter clamoring to interrupt our prayer time. We can turn off these electronic distractions to focus in prayer, but sometimes it is hard to silence our own distracting thoughts.

In the early years of marriage, I received some great advice from my pastor's wife about dealing with distractions during prayer. She suggested that we keep a notebook close by to write down any task or information that came to mind while we were praying. II Corinthians 10:5 talks about "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." By quickly writing a note, we could return to prayer without thinking constantly, "Oh, I need to remember to do this after prayer."

So, triumph in prayer begins when we conquer the things that hinder us from starting to pray. We continue to triumph when we overcome distractions during our prayer time. Then, we will truly be in a position to be triumphant through prayer. "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ" (II Corinthians 2:14).

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Triumphant Through the Power of Prayer

By Tanya Harrod



"Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy". Psalm 64:1

I was blessed to be raised in a home that sought-after God, knowing prayer, faith, and trust. Growing up we saw many things come to pass through the power of prayer.

When I was eight years old, I was in a race with my sisters and the neighbor kids. We ran around the neighborhood seeing who was the fastest. I remember thinking, "Yes, I'm going to win". It was at that moment that I came crashing to the ground, splitting my knee open to the bone! We were home missionaries and had no insurance, my mom didn't know anything else to do other than to pray and wrap a large bandage around my knee. Within an hour I was back to running around. My knee was totally healed, except a tiny bruise that I still have as a reminder of God answering prayer.

Many times, we can seem to get busy in life and don't see spiritual attacks that come against us. A few weeks ago, as I was tucking Alaina, our eight year old into bed, she started acting nervous. I shrugged it off, prayed over her, and put her to bed. The next three nights her daddy and I got frustrated as she seemed to be stalling at bedtime and not wanting to sleep alone. Finally, on the fourth morning while praying the thought came to me that it was a spirit of fear, not just the normal little "scared thing" that kids go through.

I sat Alaina down and asked why she had been dreading bedtime. She broke down crying, telling me how scared she was of being alone, of being in the dark, and having it too quiet around her. I knew then that she was being attacked by a spirit of fear. We began to pray with her and bind fear, bind the lies of Satan, and loose peace over her. We called our pastor who prayed over her mind and together we taught her how to pray the Word of God and use His promises. It took three more nights of praying before it left her completely, but through prayer we were triumphant.

Alaina has now learned personally that she can be triumphant through the power of prayer, because God has given her peace and she sleeps soundly every night. No matter what may come against our families, the answer is found in prayer.

"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

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From the Editor



Debbie Akers

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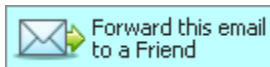
Who we are . . . Since 1999: Ladies Prayer Intl. is made up of women worldwide, who meet on the first Monday of each month to unite in focused prayer for their children and the children of the local church and community.

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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