

To write observations of what has been seen and what God has said about the area can be very helpful.

This should all be done in an atmosphere of faith as we recognise that part of God's inheritance for His people is that He gives us fields of opportunity in which to sow His seeds of truth and salvation. This results in a harvest.

READ Joshua 1 v 2 - 5 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus therefore as we go out in His name and under His direction - we can put to flight and open up the way through prayer for the good news to be heard.

The Second Idea - SPYING OUT THE LAND.

The second issue of prayer walking is very much about discerning what God is doing in a particular area and spying out both the land and the opportunity. This is important when you are looking to start a new church or establish new outreach.

Both Moses and Joshua sent out spies into the land to see what the lay of the land was like - who was the opposition and - to discern a possible strategy to go about conquering it. **READ** Numbers 13 v 1 -2, Joshua 2 v 1 -2 and verses 23 - 24.

This was all about reconnaissance - making notes of the physical aspects of a place. Understanding the spiritual sense that you get as you walk around - what the Holy Spirit seems to be saying to you about opportunities and timing etc.

THREE INSIGHTS that can be done :-

Responsive Insights - Record what you see, smell, hear etc.

Researched insights - look at the history of a community and do a survey of needs and interests of the area.

Revealed insights - revelations from the Spirit of God.

Practical Suggestions for Prayer Walking!

A) Take time to prepare yourself beforehand. This can be done through confession, worship, daily prayer and bible reading.

B) Pray together before you start the walk, asking the Lord to guide, protect and give you discernment.

C) It is useful for one or two people to walk the area beforehand that the prayer teams will be walking and to give each group a road map of the area to be walked.

D) Go out in teams of two - four and make sure there is a mature and spiritual Christian in each group.

E) Pray with your eyes open and stop and pray as the Lord leads you. Do not be afraid of silence as you listen to what the Lord is saying to you.

F) Do not engage in aggressive warfare prayer then and then unless the Lord really tells you to. Wait until you are all together.

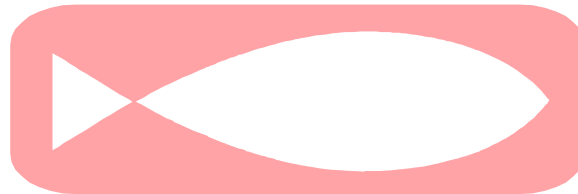
G) A group of people walking together can be very suspicious and a little intimidating so make sure you smile and are pleasant to the people you meet.

H) Write down any things that you agree on as a team the Lord is saying to you.

I) Pray together as a team at the conclusion of the walk and pray the Lord's protection and blessing on you all.

J) Spend a week praying over what you felt and have written and then share it with the whole Prayer Walking team.

Remember this is the Lord's work that we are called to. He has called us, He has equipped us with all power and authority and it is He that gives us both the means and the strategy for victory.



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THE PRINCIPLES



OF
PRAYER WALKING.

“ PRAYER WALKING IS CENTRED ON THE DUEL IDEA OF TERRITORY AND GOD’S SPECIFIC PLAN.

When we come to the subject and the practice of prayer walking, we see that it is the Lord Himself who reveals this strategy as a means to both discern what is going on in an area and to break the ground for victory. **Read** – Joshua 6 v 1 – 5 Prayer walking is centred on the duel idea of territory and God’s specific plan for a local area.

Definition of Prayer Walking:

“Prayer walking is walking with Jesus, seeing communities as He sees them through the revelation of the Holy Spirit. The practical outworking of this is praying in line with His Spirit to open up doors for His Kingdom and Gospel.”

The first idea - TERRITORY.

When we talk about territory what we are talking about is the physical territory that a spiritual power holds by the free will of the

people in that area. Where there are thousands of people who do not believe in Jesus and who are doing wrong; the demons in that area are empowered to control, dominate and blind people to the gospel!!

This is also reinforced by the presence of covens and false religions who worship and empower demons to greater activity in the areas of stimulating people’s sin – destroying

relationships – deceiving people with false religion and philosophy – blinding people to the activity and message of the real gospel. It may be controversial in light of today’s liberal society (especially in light of some churches corrupt practice of inter-faith worship!!) to say that the worship of false religions is the worship of demons **HOWEVER** this is what the Bible declares. **READ** – Deut 32 v 16 – 18, Lev 17 v 7, 2 Chr 11 v 15, Psalm 106 v 34 – 38, 1 Corinthians 10 v 19 – 22 Alongside of this is that where the church is weak the demonic attacks relationships ,health and the faith of God’s people.

READ: Ephesians 6 v 10 -13

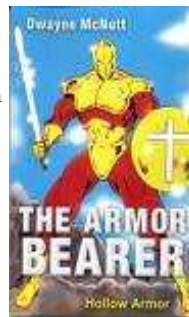
Memory Verse!

“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses....”

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you,

I will not leave you nor forsake you.”

Joshua 1 v 3 & 5



Names Satan is called:-

Crafty. (Gen 3 v 1)

Deceiver. (Gen 3 v 13)

The Tempter. (Matt 4 v 3 & 1 Thess 3 v 5)

Ruler of Demons. (Beelzebub – Matt 12 v 24)

A Murderer. (John 8 v 44)

A liar and father of lies. (John 8 v 44)

The evil one. (Matt 6 v 13) **god of this age.** (2 Cor 4 v 4)

An angel of light. (2 Cor 11 v 13 – 15)

prince of the power of the air. (Eph 2 v 2)

the dragon – that ancient serpent. (Rev 12 v 7 – 9)

The accuser. (Rev 12 v 10)

and preach the gospel / the Good News to all creation. As we do this we enter into spiritual warfare for the salvation of the lost. What we seek to do in proclaiming the gospel and setting the captives free stands in complete opposition to the evil work of Satan and the demonic kingdom.

Satan who wants to keep them in darkness looks to blind them and bind them to sin. He also uses strategies to keep people to busy / entertained or worried to hear the good news.

The Church looks to bring the light and life of Jesus Christ to them to set them free from Satan and bring them into a wonderful relationship with Jesus.

What is happening here is Satan in every sense blinds people to the truth.

Read: - 2 Corinthians 4 v 1 – 6, Matthew 13 v 13 – 19

Romans 10 v 17

The problem here is that faith comes by hearing, but people hear and do not understand for their hearts have been made unresponsive. We need to pray for the **BINDING UP** of the demonic.

Read – Matthew 12 v 25 – 29, Matthew 16 v 19, Matthew 18 v 18 – 20)

What we clearly see is that our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenly places.

What we can understand by scripture and Christian tradition is that satan / Lucifer is a fallen angel (Ezekiel 28 v 12 – 17 see v 14 *You were the anointed cherub who covers.*) who is the accuser and enemy of God’s people. (1 Peter 5 v 8) who’s desire is to destroy the work of God and take as many people to hell as he can – for that is his punishment and destination. (Revelation 20 v 7 – 10)

The church of Jesus Christ is commissioned to go out into the world

Alongside of this we need to pray for the **RELEASE** of the Holy Spirit in **CONVICTION**. **READ** John 16 v 7 – 11

Even the great hymn writers of the past understood the spiritual battle around the people of God and the lost. Onward Christian Soldiers written between 1834 – 1924 has these words

“ At the name of Jesus, Satan’s host doth flee; On then, Christian soldiers, On the victory! Hell’s foundations quiver at the shout of praise; Brothers, lift your voices; loud your anthems raise;”

Intercessory prayer, Praise and praise and prayer walking are the ways that we fight this spiritual battle. By moving forward in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit, by living disciplined holy lives – we see the spiritual forces of evil – depowered and dethroned and the result is that people are made free to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus. This is all done through delegated authority and power that is handed to Christians by Jesus Himself. **Read** Luke 10 v 17 – 20, Mark 16 v 15 – 20.

The importance of preparing the soil of the area and the heart that you are to reach out to is of first importance. There is much discussion that if this preparation is not done then evangelism without prayer actually hardens and deepens the lostness of the people who hear it. As they hear and do not get convicted or respond, the hearing deepens that hardness and bondage and familiarity of the gospel breeds contempt. That is why unconverted church goers are the hardest people to truly see Born Again.

One aspect of prayer walking is about claiming for Jesus, a particular territory as the Lord leads. This involves regularly prayer walking that area in twos and threes and discerning and praying as the Holy Spirit leads. It is important that if a particular area is to be targeted with outreach that prayer walking takes place on a regular basis. This prayer may involve calling the Holy Spirit upon homes asking Him to bless them and open their eyes to the truth. It may include binding prayer when you feel a particular presence of spirit at work in the area. It is important to listen to what the Lord tells you and also to observe what is going on in the streets, the state of the houses – any needs or problems you see.

Alongside of this keeping a prayer diary in which **PTO**

