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*This book is dedicated to the prayer warriors all over the world—
especially those who have come up to me wherever I have
been and whispered, “I am a prayer warrior too.”*

*You know who you are, but you will never know
how much that warmed my heart,
and how thankful I am that you
are with me on the wall.*



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*You are of God, little children,
and have overcome them,
because He who is in you is greater
than he who is in the world.*

1 JOHN 4:4

UNDERSTAND THERE IS A WAR AND YOU ARE IN IT



I lived in Southern California for more than four decades, and I was present for the worst earthquakes of that period. I never got used to them. They were more terrifying to me than anything else. That's because they happened suddenly, without any warning whatsoever, and you had no idea how long they would last, how strong they would be, or how much damage they would do. Some earthquakes were so violent I couldn't even get to a doorway or under a solid table as we were instructed to do. At times like those, when a strong earthquake is happening, your life feels totally out of control. You don't know if you are going to be killed, buried alive, or badly injured. Or, you hope, escape with none of the above occurring.

The buildings that survived those big earthquakes had a secure foundation and were especially fortified to withstand violent shaking. When California eventually established specific building codes that made buildings safer in an earthquake, wise people became aware of which buildings those were and whether or not they were in one.

The most dreaded situation was when an earthquake happened in the dark of night while you were sleeping. It was a rude awakening to pitch black because the power went out and you could see absolutely nothing. Even if the power did *not* go out, there was no

way you could get to a source of light while the room was shaking violently unless you kept a flashlight under your pillow. Even then, trying to grab hold of it could be nearly impossible, depending on the magnitude.

The worst earthquake I remember enduring happened when I was living alone in an apartment in Studio City, just over Laurel Canyon from Hollywood. It happened in the middle of the night while I was sound asleep in my bedroom. I lived on the bottom floor of a two-story, four-apartment complex, built before earthquake building codes were established and implemented. Even though there was only one story above me, I knew that it was possible my apartment could collapse under the weight of that floor. If the top apartment fell in on mine, it would be over for me. Years before, I had seen the wreckage of that exact thing with my own eyes *after* it happened, and I never forgot it.

All of that was crystal clear in my mind when this earthquake hit, which was sudden, violent, and loud. I tried to make my way out of the bedroom and down the short hallway to the door leading into the living room, because at least from there I might have a shot at getting out the front door to the lawn and away from anything falling in the aftershocks. But too many windows were in the living room at the front of the apartment, including the French windows in the top half of the front door, to try and attempt an escape while the ground was still violently shaking. I thought if I could be as close as possible to that front door without getting hit by flying glass, perhaps I could manage to get out before the whole building went down. Judging by the extreme shaking of the apartment, a collapse seemed an imminent possibility.

As I stumbled down the short hallway, I was thrown violently against the walls from side to side, hitting my right and then my left shoulder hard each time. Over the deafening rumble of the earthquake and shaking of the building, I could hear my dishes falling out of the cabinets in the kitchen and crashing to the floor. My lamps

hit hard against the walls. Every second seems like eternity when the earth and everything around you is shaking, especially if you are not in a place that is built on a solid foundation and according to proven and reliable building codes.

I did not have a personal relationship with God at the time this happened, but I desperately tried to establish one in that moment. Yet God felt distant and preoccupied. Being terrified and alone had become a way of life for me, having been raised by an out-of-control, mentally ill mother on an isolated ranch in Wyoming miles from the nearest neighbor or town. But enduring her abuse and being locked in a closet whenever my dad was gone didn't compare with this earthquake experience. At least in the closet I had the hope of getting out. I didn't think I would get out of this quake alive, and I had no one to *pray* to or *turn* to.

I certainly did not have that place of peace that can be found in the Lord even in terrifying circumstances. In fact, at that time I'd never heard of such a thing.

I did get out of that earthquake without serious injury, but the moment the shaking stopped I grabbed my purse and car keys and left to go stay with a friend before the aftershocks began. It was way too dangerous and frightening to stay another moment there because the place could still collapse.

On the way to my friend's house, the aftershocks were so violent that my car was thrown all over the road as though it were a toy. Talk about a wild ride. You haven't lived until you have driven a car while the pavement below it is rolling up and down like a thin sheet in a violent windstorm and cracking in such deep fissures that you fear being swallowed into one. I was frightened out of my mind. Aftershocks can be just as scary as the earthquake itself, especially because you know everything around you is already weakened.

I stayed with my friend for days until the aftershocks stopped. Then, as soon as I felt safe enough to pick up the pieces in my apartment, I packed up what wasn't broken and moved out. It wasn't

long after that I ended up marrying someone just so I wouldn't ever have to be that alone and terrified again. The marriage didn't even survive two years. In the second year I received the Lord, and my husband did not like that and declared in no uncertain terms that I was not allowed to ever say the name of Jesus in his house. That was like saying to someone dying of thirst that they were never allowed to have water again. It was the final straw in a disastrous marriage. We could not reconcile after that. I was alone again, but for the first time in my life I felt as though I wasn't. I had been dead, but now I was alive. And I had found a well of living water that never runs dry.

Over the years since then, I have realized that our spiritual life is much like my circumstances were at the time of that earthquake. If we have not built it on a solid foundation, according to proven and strong building codes, then we are unable to stand secure and unharmed in the shaking and upheavals that are going on *in* us and *around* us. And who among us have not felt such shaking? Everything seems unstable in our world—the weather, governments, environment, work, relationships, health, marriage, children, mind, and emotions—the list is endless. But the truth is that even though these things are happening *around* us or *to* us, we can have more control over our life than most people believe. But it takes having the right foundation and building according to a specific code.

How to Build a Solid Foundation

First of all, we were never intended to build our life alone. We are not meant to take everything into our own hands in order to make our life be what we want it to be. Our life was not made to be out of control. Nor were we formed to live in fear. Instead, each one of us is created to be under *God's* control. We are meant to *surrender* our life to the Lord and invite Him to make us everything *He created* us to be. We were made to walk with Him in every situation, enjoying

His peace that passes all understanding. It is possible to establish our life on such a solid foundation that no matter what is happening around us, *we will not be shaken*.

In order to do that, our life must be built on the Rock. The Bible says, “No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Jesus said, “Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and *laid the foundation on the rock*. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and *could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock*” (Luke 6:47-48).

The solid Rock is Jesus. His presence in your life affects every aspect of it.

The solid Rock is also the Word of God. Jesus is called the *living Word*. That’s because Jesus *is* the Word. Jesus and His Word are inseparable. You can’t have one without the other. Jesus and His Word are the solid foundation upon which we can build and establish our life.

When we receive Jesus, He gives us His Holy Spirit to live in us, which is the seal indicating we belong to Him. The Holy Spirit enables us to live out what the Word teaches. It is the way God changes us and works deeply in our hearts to establish, secure, and strengthen us. Jesus—the Word of God—and God’s Holy Spirit in us help us to stand strong, no matter how much everything around us is shaking, collapsing, and falling. (More about all that in chapter 2, “Know Your Commander and Stand on His Side.”)

There Is a War Going On

If you are a believer in Jesus and have received Him as your Savior, you are in the body of Christ. This means you are in the spiritual war between God and His enemy. Even if you have *not* yet received Jesus, you are still in the war. You just don’t know it yet and therefore have no control over the things that happen to you. You can be hit and hurt in the cross fire from the enemy of your soul and not realize

what's happening. You could be suffering with problems—one accident or disease after another; the failure of a marriage, trouble with relationships, problems at work, or financial trouble; mental torment; the consequences of bad decisions; the rebellion of children—again, the list is endless. You may think it's just bad luck, but it's not. It's cross fire from an enemy you don't know you have.

Believers can suffer from cross fire too, but that's because they don't understand a war is going on and they are in it. Far too many believers are being knocked around by the enemy of their soul and their life, but they think bad things just happen to them because that's the way life is. So they are not actively engaged in the war, even though they are on the receiving end of the consequences of that war. They are attacked and become wounded and incapacitated because they are totally unprepared to face enemy opposition. They are completely uninformed about how to do battle.

God's Enemy Is Your Enemy

You may think you are not at war with anyone, but you don't have to be at war with someone in order for them to be at war with *you*. You can *think* your spiritual enemy doesn't exist and therefore you are not at war with him, but the truth is that no matter what you think, you have an enemy who is always opposing you. One of his favorite ploys is to convince you he doesn't exist, and therefore he is not a threat. He is a master of disguise. He even disguises himself as an angel of light. Imagine how misleading that can be if you are unable to identify a counterfeit.

You may be thinking, *I don't want to think about or talk about the enemy*. I don't either. And we don't have to...much. But we had certainly better acknowledge that he exists, and that he is hell-bent on destroying us. We had better realize that just as God has a plan for our lives, the enemy has a plan for our lives too. And that is to rob, kill, and destroy us. We must also recognize that God has given us a way to take dominion over the enemy and his evil works of darkness

in our lives. Because if we don't understand this, if we ignore the enemy or pretend he doesn't exist, then *his* plans can succeed.

As a believer, you are already involved in spiritual warfare whether you realize it, know it, accept it, or recognize it. You may think that some of the difficult things that happen to you or to others, or that are evident in the situations in the world around you, are mere coincidence or bad luck, but it is far more sinister than that. Those things are the result of planning by an enemy, and he is the enemy of God and of all God's children. This means you and me. You may think you are not in the war, but you are. You may believe you don't have to engage in the battle, but you do. Too often when people contend in prayer for the will of the Lord to prevail in a specific battle, they think that once the battle is won the war is over. *But the war is never over because the enemy never has a good day and is feeling kindly toward you.*

You can push that reality away from you, but it is still there. And then one day you find that bad things are happening to *you*. You are being shaken and it is severely affecting *your* life, and you are not prepared to do anything about it.

How you respond to the enemy of your soul determines whether his plan for your life or God's plan for your life is realized.

Most believers recognize they have an enemy. They have read the Bible and they know that part. And they pray for God's will to prevail. But there are many battles in life, and God calls those of us who are believers in Him to go to battle as prayer warriors for His kingdom. This is not just a select few. Not just the most spiritual. Not just the ones who like that kind of thing or have nothing else to do. He calls *all* believers to be active in spiritual warfare. You might say you've been born again into God's army.

We cannot afford the luxury of foolishly thinking, *If I don't acknowledge I have an enemy, then I won't ever have to engage with him in any way. I can stay out of the war completely.* If that is you, may I politely say this to you in love: *You are dreaming! You are living in a*

fantasy! The enemy has a plan for your life and so does God. Which plan do you want to succeed? God gives you a free will and allows you to choose *His* will in your life. The enemy doesn't care a whit about your free will as long as he can influence you to bend it in the direction of his plan for your destruction. I know people who believe if they never acknowledge that the enemy even exists—and especially if they don't allow for the fact that *God's* enemy is *their* enemy as well—then they will never be drawn into any battle, let alone a war. But those who deny the war, refuse to see it, ignore it, or run from it are destined to lose it.

Allow me to repeat myself.

The truth is that we are already in the war. The war is never over until we go to be with the Lord. Better to stand and fight the way God wants us to.

I've read the entire Bible many times, and I know the end of the story. In the war between God and His enemy, God wins. This is not like earthly wars where people hope and pray they win. In this war we have victory over the enemy, but we still have to fight each battle in order to see victory happen.

Every battle is waged in prayer.

Prayer is the actual battle.

During World War II pictures were displayed everywhere that showed a man dressed in red, white, and blue trousers and tails pointing directly at you as you looked at the photo. The caption said, "Uncle Sam Wants You." Uncle Sam—meaning the United States—wanted men and women to fight in the military. There is a similar image you need to picture in your mind, and that is a picture of Jesus looking at you and pointing His finger toward you, saying, "Father God Wants You." God wants you to fight in His army. Will you answer that call?

You don't have to be afraid of battle terminology. There is no reason to fear words such as "warrior," "war," "weapons," and "warfare." This is a spiritual battle. It is every bit as real as the fleshly battles

waged on earth today, but in a spiritual war the way you do battle is to pray. That's not scary. God's army is the only one where you can be deployed but you don't actually have to go anywhere. The moment you say, "Count me in, Lord. I want to join with other prayer warriors to see Your will done on earth," you are on active duty. When God puts a person, group of people, neighborhood, city, or a foreign land on your heart, He has connected you to them in the Spirit and you can intercede on their behalf. You are active as a prayer warrior the moment you put words to your heartfelt feelings and talk to God about them. Your heart will be deployed to wherever God sends you in prayer.

The Heart of a Prayer Warrior

If you are a person who thinks you may not have what it takes to be a prayer warrior, or if you are concerned that being a prayer warrior is too difficult, or if you believe you don't have time for it, let me ask you the following questions:

Do you see people suffering and it bothers you? Do you want to do something to alleviate that suffering and feel unable to do enough? If so, then you have the heart of a prayer warrior.

Do you recognize evil proliferating in the world? Do you long to find some way to stop this destruction in people's lives? If so, then you have the heart of a prayer warrior.

Do you experience any injustice in your life or can you identify it in the lives of others? Do you see injustice marching forth in a seemingly unstoppable advance? Does it upset you and you would like to have a way to change that? If so, then you have the heart of a prayer warrior.

Do you observe wrong things happening around you and you want to right them? Do you recognize the culture of hate growing stronger and you are troubled by it? If so, then you have the heart of a prayer warrior.

Do you ever have a certain person heavy on your heart and it concerns

you, but you are not sure why? Do you know people who are going through terribly difficult situations and you want to do something to help them but don't know how? If so, then you have the heart of a prayer warrior.

Do you observe tragic situations happening to people and feel helpless to do anything to stop them? Do you ever wish you could have done something that might have prevented such tragedy? If so, then you have the heart of a prayer warrior.

Do you become grieved in your spirit when you see blatant disregard for God and His ways? Do you have sympathy for people who don't recognize their need for the Lord, yet you feel powerless to affect their lives in any way? If so, you have the heart of a prayer warrior.

In fact, if you said yes to *any* of the questions above, then you have the heart of a prayer warrior. Becoming a prayer warrior *begins* in the heart, sometimes without your even being aware of it.

A prayer warrior has a heart of compassion for suffering people and bad situations, and desires to do something to make a difference.

When you tell God you are reporting for service as His prayer warrior, He will put specific people or situations on your heart that He wants you to pray about. You don't have to go searching for them—unless you feel led to do so—because those needs will be quickly made known to you. For example, like you, I have many situations and people on my heart that concern me. Aside from going to battle in prayer for my own life and the lives of my family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and specific individuals I know of who need someone to stand up for them in prayer regarding the things they are facing, there are serious problems for others in the world that stand out in my heart above all the rest.

One example is that I cannot tolerate children being hurt. I can't bear to hear of one more child who has been kidnapped, abused, molested, or murdered. So whenever God brings that kind of situation to my mind, I pray for children to be protected. I pray that

anyone who hurts a child in any way will be put in jail and not released to do harm again. I pray for child abusers and molesters to be revealed and caught *before* they succeed with their hellish plans. I pray specifically that people who are involved in the rescue of such children will be able to capture evil perpetrators *before* they can strike again. I have acknowledged before God that I am in His service as a prayer warrior, and I know He has put this on my heart in a big way.

Another issue strongly on my heart is the sex slavery market. I find it unthinkable that men with hearts overtaken by evil and greed will capture young boys and girls and sell them to other men who would actually pay to abuse them in order to satisfy their own sick, selfish, and despicable desires. No decent human being can know this is going on and say there is no evil in the world. So I pray that God will open up a means of escape for these young victims by sending godly people who will help them leave this life of hell and find the restoration the Lord has for them. I pray for the workers who are trying to set these young people free to have the favor of God and miraculous success. I pray that the evil men involved in this travesty be exposed, convicted in every possible way, and their works from hell destroyed.

How can we know things like these are happening and *not* pray?

As prayer warriors, we must remember that no matter how hopeless a situation may appear to us, God gives us power in prayer to do something about it. *We* may be overwhelmed by it, but *God* is *not*. We may not see a way out, but *God* can. Because of Him, we *can* make a *difference*!

You May Pray Alone but You Don't Fight Alone

The only reason the world enjoys whatever peace and blessing it does is because godly men and women are praying. Most people have no idea about that. They go along merrily, not in the least bit aware they are enjoying the fruit, blessing, safety, happiness, and

success they have because of people who take prayer seriously. They think it is because of good karma, good luck, or good genes (yes, I have actually heard people tell me that). But their good life is happening for none of those reasons. It is the result of the prayer warriors doing the work God has called them to do—to pray and intercede as His Holy Spirit leads them. And it is not just a few who are called. We are *all* called to pray. It is just that too few are listening. *You are* listening or you would not even be reading this.

After that horrendous earthquake I told you about, and after I became a believer, I found out that in Los Angeles there are many prayer warriors who pray specifically over the fault lines. They feel strongly led by the Holy Spirit to do so. They pray the “big one” that has been predicted for decades will not happen. Or if seismic shifting must happen, that there will be more small quakes instead. I talked to two women who were in such a group, and they actually go to the places where the fault lines are reported to be and pray there. I don’t know how many people are praying like that in L.A. I didn’t ask them. I was just talking about earthquakes one day, and these kind ladies told me about this. They were not seeking acclaim. They were just letting me know because I was concerned about earthquakes.

For years I wondered why more people weren’t killed during earthquakes there, especially considering the violence of some of them. I believe now that it is God’s response to the prayers of the prayer warriors. I have been in many bad earthquakes and yet have never been hurt. I do not think it was good luck, good karma, good genes, or even good sense that spared me. I give thanks to God for answering the prayers of the prayer warriors before I was ever aware that He or they existed.

I am not saying you have to do something as time-consuming or strenuous as the prayer warriors who go to the area of the fault lines. They knew they were called to do that. And believe me, when you are called to specific prayer, you won’t be able to *not* do it. You won’t

roll your eyes at God and say, “Aw, do I have to? I’m tired. My favorite TV show is coming on now. I don’t feel like it.” Instead, you’ll say, “Yes, Sir!” “Right away, Sir!” And you will count it a privilege to serve your great Commander that way. Even though you may be alone when you pray, you are not in the battle alone. Countless prayer warriors all over the world are praying with you.

The Time Is Later than We Think

We must get beyond praying just for our own needs. That doesn’t mean we stop praying for them. Not at all. Jesus commanded us to pray about those things. And that is also part of being a prayer warrior. We must do battle in prayer for our own lives as well as the lives of our family members, friends, and the people God puts on our hearts. But we cannot stop there as if the rest of the world is not our problem. It is not only our problem to pray about, but we are *mandated* by the Lord to become the intercessors He is calling each one of us to be.

We can see evil encroaching all around us. We may be in a nice safe place right now, but that could change in an instant. Dreadful things are happening way too close to home.

My family and I used to live in what we thought was a safe neighborhood until one day it did not feel safe anymore. I could clearly *sense* evil moving in, even though I had no hard evidence at that time. I had been around enough evil in my life, especially in my younger years, to recognize it in my spirit the minute it came close. I prayed about it every day, but I could never shake the feeling that my husband and I and our children were not in a safe place. I prayed for God to deliver us from evil and push it back from our community.

The Holy Spirit led us to move away from there to someplace that felt safer. And not long after that it was uncovered in the community from where we had moved that an enormous child pornography ring was operating in a respectable-looking place right under everyone’s noses. They brought in children and filmed horrendous

displays of evil in our town and no one suspected it. We had all been aware of where pockets of evil and crime operated in that city and no one went near those areas, but we had no idea of what was being perpetrated in secret close to our own neighborhood.

After we left, a wonderful Christian lady we knew quite well was picking up her teenage daughter at a Bible study held in a house a couple blocks away from the house we had recently moved out of. While she waited with her young son outside in her car for her daughter to come out, a man pulled up behind her, got out of his car, walked up to her driver's side window, and pulled a gun on her. He demanded her purse and briefcase and she complied without resistance, but he shot her anyway. In cold blood. She died in front of her son and her daughter, who came running out of the house with the others at the Bible study. It was a terrible, horrific, unthinkable, heartbreaking tragedy no one should ever have experienced.

It took time, but eventually the man who shot that woman was caught, tried, and sentenced to life in prison. Justice was done, but no one felt safe in that neighborhood anymore. The truth is that no one is safe in any neighborhood anymore. Evil is everywhere, and we have to raise up a spiritual wall against it in prayer to keep it from moving into our neighborhood or community. Or if it is already there, we must pray to see it exposed and pushed back. That's what prayer warriors do.

I Don't Want to Be in a War—I Hate Violence

I know you don't want to be in a war. Neither do I. No one does. Countless people have said that throughout all of history. But you have no choice when the enemy attacks you. The fact that you hate violence is exactly the reason you must engage in the war. If you don't engage in the war first by praying *offensively*, the enemy will bring the battle to you. He will bring it to your home. Your neighborhood. Your school. Your place of work. Your movie theater. Your

mall. The enemy comes to destroy, and when he does you must be ready to fight *defensively* in order to stop him. But the best way is to pray in advance to prevent it.

You may have picked up this book because you are curious about spiritual warfare—what it is and why anyone would want to be involved—but let me tell you that God wants to do more than satisfy your curiosity. What is going on all around you must be battled against and won in the spirit realm before it can be won on the ground.

This book will help you determine whose side you're on, who your Commander is, and how to recognize your true enemy. It will help you understand the authority you have in prayer, and how to condition yourself to be all God is calling you to be so you can stand strong. It will teach you how to put on your spiritual armor, become skilled with your weapons, identify the immediate battlefield, and engage in the war. It will show you how to resist the enemy, see each situation from God's perspective, and pray as the Holy Spirit leads you. When you do all of that, you will keep the enemy from taking anything that belongs to you, including your spouse, children, home, health, sanity, clarity, purity, peace, power, and close relationship with the Lord. You can also take back territory that belongs to God, such as people who are lost or cannot help themselves and need someone to stand strong against the enemy on their behalf.

God gives us dominion on the earth by the power of His Holy Spirit in us. But victory comes by doing battle every day with the enemy of all that is good. We are not supposed to sit by and allow problems to just happen to us. Yes, we will have struggles. They are often unavoidable. *God did not promise a life without trial or struggle.* He did not promise we would have instant victory over every challenge, but He has told us that when we proclaim His truth, and live His way and pray, we can overcome these problems. Our spiritual warfare in prayer prepares the way for God to bring victory.

This Sounds like Too Much Work

If you think being a prayer warrior sounds like too much work, let me tell you what is *really* too much work. Burying your child. Being called to the scene of a horrible accident. Getting a doctor's report about a terrible disease that you, a family member, or someone you know of has been diagnosed with. The dissolving of a close friendship. The severing of family ties. Bad relationships at work. Suffering from loneliness, sadness, frustration, hopelessness, or misery. Falling into debt, foreclosure, poverty, discouragement, sin, fear, dread, deep anxiety, or the breakup of a marriage. *All of that is too much work!*

You may be thinking, *Are you telling me all this happens when I don't pray?*

I'm asking you, can you tell me for certain that the enemy of your soul has nothing to do with any of this? That none of these problems are in any way part of his evil scheme for your demise? That he has nothing like this planned for your life or the lives of the people about whom you deeply care? Can you tell me that prayer has absolutely no affect upon any of these things I just mentioned?

Yes, we all do stupid things from time to time that get us into bad situations. And to some of us it can appear that these things *just happen*. But how many times do you wish you had prayed for someone you know *before* their tragic illness? Or their suicide? Or their drug overdose? Or their teenager's accident? Or their break-in? Too many, I'm sure. We all feel that. I'm *not* saying we are *responsible* when bad things happen because we didn't pray. I am saying bad things can be *prevented* when we do. And we *are* accountable to God for how *much* we pray, how *often* we pray, and how *fervently* we seek the leading of His Spirit as to *what* to pray.

The world around us is in a desperate situation. Suffering is increasing. We can *see* it. We know it. We *feel* it. And *that* is too much work! I become weary when I hear people say, "Well, if it's

going to happen anyway, why pray?" Please hear me out on this. Yes, some things are certain. To list a few: the return of the Lord Jesus, the annihilation of the enemy's influence on earth, the rising up of the antichrist, and every prophecy in the Bible that has not already been fulfilled. But Jesus did not say to His believers, "Roll over and play dead until I come." He did not say, "These things are going to happen, so just eat, drink, and be merry until they do." No, He said we are to occupy where we are according to His will until He returns. We are to *worship Him, read His Word, and pray without ceasing* as long as we're here. When we *don't* do these things we are *out* of His will. There is no other way to see it. Far too much suffering happens because way too many people are not praying.

We have to wake up as the people of God. Prayer is how God works on earth. That is *His* idea, not mine. I am not just making this up; it is what the Bible says over and over. Countless good things will *not* happen unless people are praying about them. And terrible things *will* happen if we don't pray. God is asking us to listen for His leading.

The Bible says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

This, in a nutshell, is what it means to be a prayer warrior.

Take the burdens of other people to the Lord in prayer. That is intercession. Recognize the opposing work of the enemy and resist him in prayer. That is what prayer warriors do. Many storms have come, but many *more* storms *will* come. Things are shaking now, but much more *will* be shaken. If you have built on the Rock and are praying, you will stand firm and survive the storm. That is one of the many rewards of being a prayer warrior.

There is way too much to write about concerning spiritual warfare to fit it into one book. What I am writing about in this book is how you can become an effective prayer warrior. Or if you already

are one, how you can become the most victorious prayer warrior possible. If we join together in prayer, we can break down every barrier to the unity God has called us all to and become the powerful army of prayer warriors He wants us to be.

Start by saying, “Lord, use me as Your prayer warrior,” and the Holy Spirit will lead you from there.

PRAYER FOR THE PRAYER WARRIOR



LORD, I pray You will help me build my life on a solid foundation. I know there is no more solid foundation than that which is built on the Rock—which is You, Jesus, and Your Word (1 Corinthians 3:11). No matter what is shaking around me, You give me a foundation that can never be shaken or destroyed.

Help me to always keep in mind that I am instrumental in the war between You and Your enemy, and victory in my life depends on my willingness to hear Your call to pray. I know this is spiritual warfare You want me to engage in, and prayer *is* the battle. Teach me to hear Your call and to pray in power the way You want me to.

Thank You, Lord, for the countless men and women whom You have called to be prayer warriors in this spiritual battle between good and evil, and who have already answered the call. I pray for the many who are still sitting on the sidelines, not realizing how they can become wounded by enemy fire. Help us all to wake up to Your truth. Enable us to bear one another's burdens in prayer and fulfill Your law (Galatians 6:2). Teach us all to always hear Your call.

Enable me to always hear the voice of Your Holy Spirit leading me to pray. Show me where my prayer is most needed for myself, my family, and the people and situations You put on my heart. Show me *how* I should pray. Help me to not think of prayer as merely asking You to fix things, but rather taking dominion over the works of darkness as You have said to do. Teach me to use the authority You have given me in prayer to advance Your kingdom on earth. Enable me to be

part of stopping the spread of evil. Help me to advance Your kingdom in a powerful way.

In Jesus' name I pray.

*Let us not sleep, as others do,
but let us watch and be sober.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:6