

High Alert... And Action!

As expected, the prayer initiative God directed us to launch has the forces of evil rightfully afraid. **This is the way things are supposed to be.** The world teaches us to be afraid of demons and evil, whereas the Bible says **demons and evil are afraid of us who know and exercise our spiritual authority – Luke 10:17.** Sometimes there are physical evidences of spiritual events... but none of that is unmanageable when we live in the power of God. To learn more about this, read your Bible along with the book, “*Needless Casualties Of War*” by the late John Paul Jackson who explains Bible verses relating to what proper prayer is... *and is not.* Heaven will be more impressive than mere spiritual warfare on earth, as Jesus said in Luke. **However,** it is also important that we are covered by your intercessory prayers in the spiritual warfare here in our mission field... as seen in the New Testament many times. **For those who respond to this request for committed prayer, please contact (call, write, email) us to let us know how you will be praying (and also fasting, for those who understand why and how to – Luke 5:33-35).** **We personally communicate real-time prayer requests with those who sign up and pray. Please see Page 2 “Count Me In”** to sign up. One example is for protection for us and our ministry stuff. We have had a bullet shot and lodged in our fiber optic cable, parking lot light shot out, electric meter stolen (recently), flat roof flooding attempt, and things thrown at the doors during meetings, BUT GOD has used it for good... **actually.** The devil has no self-control (Galatians 5:19-25) and can do nothing without God allowing it (Lamentations 3:37). God does not create evil (Jeremiah 32:35) – evil is created by those who disobey God. For those who love God and whose lives prove it (Romans 8:28), the devil loses every time, and whatever was intended for evil backfires and works for good (Genesis 50:20). Jesus already finished winning this authority for us (John 19:30) (Matthew 28:18... followed by the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)).

Helpful Information:

Jewish culture raised boys (0-14 years old), then selected and trained ones with ready hearts and minds to be priests (15-30 years old), who then did likewise once **they** became priests at 30 (as seen in Jesus’ life). Our culture is different, but is spiritually similar: “**follow me as I follow (rabbi / priest) Christ**” 1 Corinthians 11:1 is what priests used to say before the New Testament; Paul likely heard it from Gamaliel before quoting it to the church at Corinth. For us today, we need Biblical basic training (called milk in Scripture) followed by continuing maturity (called meat in Scripture). However, this does not mean we need a seminary degree to tell someone about God’s goodness. The devil has subtly instilled fear in Christians regarding Christianity; “don’t talk about religion or politics” he has people say. Well, guess what: its **relationship, not religion** that God wants anyway! So, suddenly, telling someone about intimacy with God becomes as easy as talking about anything you would talk to anyone about; **relationship** destroys fear. God is fearful, but our **relationship** with Him reveals His love for us and our fear of Him is very positive awe. Therefore, we boldly pray... just as Hebrews 4:16 tells us to.

BOLD PRAYER for us is a **specific ministry** you can do for us, and should be doing for you, your family, and all those on your heart. It makes a difference... **NOT** because you are telling God information He already knows to make your own emotions feel better, but rather because you are developing your **relationship** with God in the process. This process is teaching you “other-ness” (vs. selfishness), and helps you hear God’s voice (the Holy Spirit) for yourself, which is **HUGE** because it is how to live and grow in God’s “good, pleasing and perfect will” in your life – Romans 12:1-2. God’s directions are successful, so it is always nice to know we have God’s ideas and not just good ideas. Then your **BOLD PRAYER** becomes **BOLD ACTION** according to whatever God has for you personally... again: without fear, but with excitement and great joy. **UNDERSTAND THIS:** although we are called to be missionaries as a couple, it is **not** this calling that motivates us; it’s our **relationship** with God that motivates us. The same is true for you and everybody: it’s about intimacy with God - our eternity starting now.

It is helpful and important to understand what ministering as a Christian is. Please see **Page 2 “Count Me In”**.

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Count Me In

If you want to commit to praying for us, here is how to sign up for it: **1) Call, write, or email** us to let us know: **Call us:** (610) 384-1001 **or write us:** Loren & Kathy Falzone, 945 South Caln Road, Coatesville, PA 19320 **or email us:** contact@coupleinbloom.com For messages left with us, we will get back to you as soon as we can! **2) Tell us what is on your heart to do:** example: pray daily or _____ (other); fasting _____ (how often); etc. **3) Tell us how you want us to communicate our requests to you:** example: email _____; phone _____; etc. If you are not sure but just want to talk to us at this point in time, then please request a time to talk or Skype®

A Personal Prayer Request

We are “tent-maker” missionaries like the Apostle Paul: we work (as farm hands) to pay for (almost half of all of) our living expenses. It is a small price to pay for the awesome ministry results God so graciously provides. We live in a 100 year old brick garage where you can see and feel the fresh outside air blowing in through the cracks. God clearly provided this place in an amazing way, it has many benefits, and it was the only place we could afford. We have two sources of heat: an undersized wood stove that leaks smoke inside, and a very slow propane heater that is costly to run. We believe God wants to improve this situation, but don't know yet whether it will be through a better wood stove or through better financial support level to buy propane. We practice what we preach, so we pray for God's directions including for stuff like this. We are tired of everything being covered in soot, sore throats, burning eyes and carbon monoxide fatigue. Luke 6:38 is true so, besides praying, please search your heart if you are someone God wants to provide through. A replacement stove cannot be too big as our dwelling is only two rooms, and it must have a six inch flue pipe diameter. Propane runs about \$2,000.00 for the heating season per the owner. We will see how God provides!

Sneak Preview

Here is a sneak preview of just a part of our upcoming city prayer initiative brochure, referring to Luke 10:1-9:

- Verse 1: **KNOW** the following verses which describe what preceded the presence of God in each city.
- Verse 2: **PRAY** for fellow toilers (*people who are passionate for God and His Gospel*).
- Verse 3: **REALIZE** you are like sheep among wolves (*spiritually, so get prayer covering*).
- Verse 4: **DON'T CARRY MONEY** or anything else that could hinder ministry (*use wisdom*).
- Verse 5: **MINISTER PEACE** which is evident fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- Verse 6: **DISCERN** whether the peace of God will be received or not.
- Verse 7: **RELATE TO PEOPLE** and invest time getting to know them; do not *evangelize* house to house.
- Verse 8: **RECEIVE FROM PEOPLE** who receive **you** peacefully (*which is part of building a relationship*).
- Verse 9: **MINISTER SPIRITUALLY** to those you have built relationship with, including explaining the difference between God's kingdom being **NEAR** them (*which is YOUR ministry to them*) and God's kingdom being **IN** them (*which is THEIR relationship with God*) (Luke 17:21).

Here, Jesus gives Christians **city ministry instructions:** 1) **wisdom**, 2) **relationship**, and 3) **discipleship**. He lived His life this way, as seen in Scripture, and tells us to do the same... all in love for sinners whom Jesus died for. Don't look at the mission field and see *problems*; rather, look and see *people* who need saving! People often hate 'religion'... understandably, once you hear their stories. They need a trusted friend to tell them the truth.

Christians are the sheep who **produce** sheep; **Pastors** are only the shepherds who **nurture** the sheep. It was **never** God's plan for Christians to sit around and depend on 'religious people' to reach the lost. This Old Testament '**Moses complex**' is today's '**Spiritual Welfare System**': **food-stamp Christians not making disciples**.

Even *the thief on the cross* found a way to share God's goodness! We have prayer warrior elderly shut-ins who know God intimately through well-worn paths of prayer... they move mountains for us... quiet but deadly to the forces of evil. Then, beyond prayer, there are most usually one or more things God individually gifted each of us to do. Group ministry is fine, but cannot replace the beautiful things each of us can do unto God Himself.

Thank you! We love hearing from you! We pray blessing over you! ♥ Loren + Kathy Falzone