WALKING WITH JESUS IN THE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6: 11 "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

CCIC BELIEVE THAT

1. CHRIST IS OUR CENTER. Galatians 2:20 "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. "

2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. Colossians 3:14 "put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 16:15 "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

"WE ARE CHRIST CENTRED MOTIVATED BY LOVE, TO FULFIL HIS MISSION."

STRUCTURE

1. TEACH THE WORD. 2Timothy 3:16-17
2. TEACH TO PRAY. Luke 11:1
3. TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND THE PEOPLE. Mark 12:30-31
4. TEACH TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES. Matthew 28:18-20

"WE GROW BY THE WORD OF GOD, HAVE POWER THROUGH PRAYER, LEARN TO LOVE GOD BY LOVING HIS PEOPLE, AND GO TO MAKE DISCIPLES."

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PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT ON ALL OCCASIONS

- I. Praying in the Spirit.
- II. On all Occasions.
- III. With all kinds of Prayer and request.
- IV. With this in mind, be alert.
- V. Always keep on Praying.
- VI. For all the Lord's people.

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DEVELOP A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER

- Develop a desire to pray.
- Develop a life of dependence on God.
- Develop a habit of praying in all circumstances.
- Develop a life that prays according to God's will.

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THE DIMENSIONS OF PRAYER

The dimension of Relationship.

- A. Prayer is a relationship with God.
- B. Prayer develop intimacy with God.
- C. Prayer teach us dependence on God .

The dimension of worship.

- A. We adore God for who He is.
- B. We give thanks for what He has done.
- C. We surrender to His will.

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The dimension of petition.

- A. We ask God for daily provision.
- B. We ask for forgiveness and spiritual restoration.
- C. We ask with faith and thanksgiving.

TEXT: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

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OUR TOPIC FOR TODAY:

INTERCESSION PRAYER.

- Praying that stands in the gap for others.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

- Prayers strengthens us to stand firm.

SPIRITUAL PARTNERSHIP.

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WHAT IS INTERCESSION PRAYER?

Intercession means praying on behalf of other people. God calls believers to look beyond their own concerns and carry the needs of others before God.

- A. Pray for the family.
- B. Pray for the Church and its leaders. Col. 1:9-10
- C. Pray for the lost and those in authority.

FOUR KINDS OF PRAYER.

1. Petitions - Asking God to meet specific needs.
2. Prayers - Communicating with God in worship and dependence.
3. Intercession - Praying on behalf of other people.
4. Thanksgiving - Expressing gratitude for God's goodness and faithfulness.

- "A HEALTHY CHURCH IS A PRAYING CHURCH."

THE INTERCESSION PRAYER.

”The church that understands God’s heart will become a church that prays for all people and shares the gospel with all people.”

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Prayer is essential to the believer's perseverance and Spiritual readiness.

A. Prayer keeps us spiritually alert. Matthew 26:41

- "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

B. Prayer helps us persevere. Romans 12:12

- "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **13** Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality"

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Prayer Aligns us to the Holy Spirit.

Prayer is not something believers accomplish by their own strength alone. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. And intercedes for us according to God's will.

- A. The Holy Spirit Help us in our weakness.
- B. The Holy Spirit intercedes according to God's will.
- C. We learn to pray in dependence on the Spirit.

- "Prayer is not about finding perfect words, it is about depending on God and seeking His will.

CONCLUSION

I. Intercession.
- Prayer that carries the needs of others before God.

II. Spiritual warfare.
- Prayer strengthen our perseverance and readiness to stand firm.

III. Partnership with the Holy Spirit.
- Prayer depends on the Holy Spirit's help and seeks God's will.

CONCLUSION

- If others are struggling, stand with them through intercession.
- If you face spiritual battles, persevere in prayer.
- If you feel weak or do not know what to say, depend on the Holy Spirit's help.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14-15

- “**14** if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. **15** Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. “