

Your Battle is the Lord's

CareNeticion

By David Wilkerson

The reason I am writing this is to remind you the battle you are facing is not yours, but God's. If you are a child of his, you can be certain that Satan will "rage against you."

In 2 Chronicles 20, a great multitude came against God's people. King Jehoshaphat and his people set their hearts to seek the Lord and to fast. The king cried out to God a prayer that most of us have prayed at times in our spiritual journey: "We have no might against these that come against us, neither do we know what to do; but our eyes are upon you" (20:12). "The Spirit of God came in the midst of the congregation...saying, Be not afraid nor dismayed...for the battle is not yours, but God's." (20:14-15).

Isaiah gave this warning to all satanic forces: "Who have you reproached and blasphemed? And against whom have you exalted your voice?... Even against the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 37:23).

God told his people Israel, and he tells us today: "The battle is not against you. It is Satan's rage against me, the Lord who abides in you." God said to Satan, "I know where you abide, and where you come and go, and your rage against me" (37:28).

I ask you: where is your battle? In your marriage? Your business or job? Your finances? Your health? Does your battle get more intense day after day? If you have a heart for Jesus and a desire to cleave to him, you will face the rage of hell. But that is still not your battle.

You can end your battle quickly if you choose – simply by quitting and giving in to your fears and doubts. Satan will not bother those who give up their confidence in the Lord.

Yes, the battle is the Lord's, but we have a part – and that is to trust and believe his promises in the face of hopelessness and what seem to be impossibilities. "Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?" (Isaiah 40:27).

Faith demands that I turn over all my problems – all my critical situations, all my fears, all my anxieties – into the hand of the Lord. When I have done all I can do, and I know my battle is beyond my power, I must submit all into his hands.

Our Lord knows the raging of Satan, and we must truly believe he will act. He will bring us through floods and fires and put to chase all spiritual enemies. Here is God's Word concerning what he will do: "Because of your rage against me...it has come into my ears, therefore I will put a hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way you came" (Isaiah 37:29).

If you will hold fast to your faith – trusting him, resting in his promises, rejecting all lies of Satan coming into your mind – then expect God to come by his Spirit into your situation and bring an expected end to your particular battle. He will move heaven and earth to deliver you and make a way. The way out is to trust, trust, trust! "He makes wars to cease" (Psalm 46:9).

Read this devotion online: <http://www.worldchallenge.org/en/node/13435>

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Lifegroup prayer and praise

Ruth Ann Clark has just had a hip replacement, please pray for healing for her.

Pray for **my father** for his health and constant pain.

Also **my mother-in-law**, she lives in New Orleans and had to move because of flooding. May God watch over her.

Dave McCormick asks that we pray for his friends, **Steve Sternburger and Tamara** both with unspoken needs, stress and anxiety.

Scott Goodman's grandmother passed away and her memorial service was last Sunday, our prayers and sympathy go out to the family.

Don Grundl's mother was just diagnosed with a cyst in her uterus that they believe is cancer, she has had cancer in the past and was able to beat it.

Please pray for the **Darrell Olson family**, his **aunt Marlys** just passed away last Thursday.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the **family of Kara Hinrich's**, at her passing.

Please remember to pray for all of the devastation in **Joplin, MO** and also the FBC church in **Lodge Grass, Montana**, the church was recently flooded, please pray for the surrounding area as it is also flooded.

Lora Wilson, Dan Cook's principal has been diagnosed with uterine cancer and will not be finishing the year. Please pray for her.

Please pray for **Karen Barnes-Visser**, she faces neck surgery on June 17th for an accident she was in.

Gwendolyn Rodriguez needs prayer for her health to improve, she is scheduled for hand surgery on June 7th and must be healthy for that. ~ **Jane**

Continue to pray for **Karl's mom**, she is better but far from well, that the doctors would find out what is really causing her health issues. ~ **Sheri**

Kristi Boyd asks that we pray for her upper respiratory infection, she's been sick for a month.

Please pray for **Deborah Stephens** to find the right job, her other one did not work out.

Please pray for wisdom and strength for me and pray for my back and neck as they have been really hurting.

~**Carol Kelly**

We still have several unspoken health prayer needs, please continue to pray for these.

John Lindsey is facing surgery to remove a tumor on his brain, please pray for God's peace and healing.

Pray for relief from anxiety attacks. ~ **Sharon Young**

NURSERY WISH LIST

Batteries: AAA, AA, C & D

2 Contoured changing pads

Diaper Genie II & refills

Wipes

Plastic Baby Gate

Extra clothes for Toddlers—Preschool

Bedding for bassinette

Happy May Birthday to...

Ed Church on the 25th

Lori Lane and Marge Minor on the 26th

Chris Wojahn on the 27th

Mary Lapham and Amy Wright on the 29th

And Florence Miller on the 31st of May

Pray for our Military

- **John Schwartz**—in Afghanistan—**Robin Schwartz** stateside in Everett.
- **Jason Peery**—Oregon National Guard—heading to Iraq for a year, brother of Jennifer.
- **Jonathan Michaels Estrella**—son of Sharon Boswell.
- **Jason Bjazevich**—Megan Owenby's husband—Army Special Forces— Stationed in N. Carolina.
- **Scott Harpell**—son of Brian & Lynne—Stationed at Fort Carson, CO.
- **Aaron Weston**—nephew of Ken and Kathy—Stationed in San Diego.
- **Eric Schmidt** — son of Gene and Pat Schmidt — Camp Fallujah, Iraq.
- **Benjamin Lagonia**—dear friend of the Naylor family—stationed in Manitoba.
- **Brett Love**—grandson of Wilma—Army National Guard—Serving at home.
- **Christian Chmielewski**—nephew of JoAnn Couturie' - in the Marines.
- **ENS Andrew E. Timpner** (fiancé to Christin Suthard) on deployment with USS Momsen.
- **Devin Abbitt**—nephew of Paul Abbitt - Marine, stateside.
- **Duane Neyens** brother to Kathy Chapman—Army National Guard —is back at his home base in So.CA.
- **Philip Ankney**-LCPL Afghanistan Cousin of MaryAnn Peterson.
- **Jeffrey Lillard**—son of Barbara Lillard — Srg. In Army, Stationed at Fort Lewis.
- **Aaron Chmielewski**—joined the Marines. Nephew of JoAnn Couturie
- **Shawn Berland**—deploying for 6 months
- **Andrew Sustaita**—serving on board the USS Abraham Lincoln



Lifegroup Happenings

all in the family

by florence miller

THANK YOU to all of the ladies who attended our breakfast on May 14th! We had such a great time of worship, fellowship and food. Thanks to Janet Graham and Gloria Love for our "book" of worship songs and sharing their musical gifts. Our speakers were Mary Elaine Burgess, Connie Tessness and Christen Lanning Weller. If you missed their presentation, you really did miss something special, they were terrific! Midge Ellis and all of her ladies made a wonderful breakfast of quiche, fruit bowl and croissants. Thank you for sharing your culinary talents! Join us for the next breakfast in September.

..blessed is he who is kind to the needy... whomever is kind to the needy honors God. (excerpts from Proverbs 14.) And surely the Pastors and Elders have done that in their decision to honor the Red Cross' call for housing for recent house-fire victims. We had two families staying in our facility for a brief few days before more suitable accommodations were found for them this past Tuesday. Also, congregation members were stepping forward with needed necessities. Love in action! **Here is an update on the families displaced by a fire** last Friday at an apartment complex on Casino Road. We housed two families in our building until Tuesday, until they had other temporary housing. We were able to provide—in this short period of time—clothes, toys, diapers, pillows, bus passes, some gift cards and other necessary items. Thanks to all for your great help! The truth is, every week, as a downtown church we provide resources and practical help to families and individuals who turn to us. The needs are great. If you have clothes in good condition how about replenish our Friday night ministry clothes closet. We can always use toiletries. How about volunteering on Friday night feeding our community? Of course, you probably know that we have extended ourselves financially this year as a church with the many needs during this financial crisis everyone is facing. Any financial gift you could give right now to FBC would be greatly appreciated! Thanks!

Eva LaStrange is a remarkable lady. After her recent knee surgery she is home and now alone, but managing very well she says. She sounds up-beat and is already planning to attend SAM's board meeting and the SAM luncheon next week. Asked about pain, she admits to some but says it isn't bad. What a positive attitude she has! She wants to give a big YAHOO to God for the healing from this, it's prayer answered in a big way!

Jeanne Gillman is improving and hopes to be going home soon if she keeps healing at this pace. She is walking with a walker and even went outside and planted herbs with the hospital staff. After being immobile so long, it takes time to regain her strength and balance but she is pushing herself with the exercises with hopes of returning to her home soon. She has been on several outings to the library and is even doing her own laundry.

Just thought you would want to know that **Jack's brother Sid** passed away this morning quite suddenly (Sunday, May 22nd). We were on a get-away with friends on Whidbey Island when our daughter Jan called us and gave us the news. Sid went to the hospital on Friday. He had one of his legs amputated this year and had just learned that the other one was to come off. On top of all that he was not a Christ follower, nor is the rest of the family. Sid lived in McMinnville and Jack is kind of in shock. We would appreciate prayers for the family. **Mary Elaine and Jack Burgess**

I just received a call from **Marsha (David Logan)** about **Margaret**. She fell on Sunday and broke her hip, it's a serious break and they are not going to operate. She is on heavy medication for pain and is semi-conscious. She just wants to go home to heaven and has let the family know that is her wishes. Her grandson, Mark, is in Fuller seminary studying to be a missionary. Please pray for the family, especially her daughter **Connie** who has been her main caregiver, also for David and Marsha who go and visit her and have quite a way to travel.

***Adult attendance: 9:00am 59 & 10:30am 180 || ***Children: 9am 16 + 6 — 10:30am 21 + 9
***Elementary: 9am 30 + 8 — 10:30 am 27 + 6 || ***Middle School: 6 + 3 — Youth Small Group: 10 + 3
Youth Retreat: 15 girls and 5 leaders

Congregational meeting - June 29th, 9:00 am

Well, this is the last luncheon of the year before the Picnic and we are hoping you all are going to come and join us. Shirley will be at the SAM desk to take reservations or give her a call at 425-513-8035. We will be celebrating our Nifty Nineties and also Installing the new (and old) officers.

One other very important thing we need to take care of is that DUES ARE DUE. The cost is \$10.00 per person for the year and we would like to have everyone sign up as early as possible so that everyone will be in the new SAM directory.

Also if anyone has any pictures that they have taken over the year of any of the activities with SAM I would sure appreciate getting them, preferably thru email but will take them any way I can get them. It is nice to have something different in the handbook.

Also for those who are on the board don't forget that the board meeting this month is on Tuesday the 31st.

S.A.M. Update:

Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

VBS training classes
Sat. June 11th or 25th
9-11:00
Pacific Room

INSIDE OUT & UPSIDE DOWN ON MAIN STREET
 Where Messes makes a difference every day!

Wed. Nite MINISTRY Family B-B-Q

Wed., June 1st
6:00-6:45
Cascade Room

If you have a graduate or know of anyone graduating, please contact **Pastor Nathan** with all of the information, we are going to have a graduation recognition here on June 12th in the morning service and we would like to include everyone that is graduating. Nathan@fbc-everett.net.

VBS 2011 NEED LIST: T-shirts - L or XL | white/new/clean Also - solid light colored fabric

Street Hockey Introduction Camp with Coach Jay Varady | June 25th | 9-10:15 AM. For kids ages 6-8 years old (12 kids), kids 9-10 years old (12 kids), kids 11-13 years old (12 kids). Camp capacity is 36. A filled out **medical release form** is required to hold your place. You must return the **completed medical release form**, available on our website under Ministries-Youth, to the office by June 19th. First come, first make the team.

- USHER CAPTAIN 2011:**
- June—Darrell Olson
Marc Owenby
 - July—Peter Sontra
Lucky Elkins
- COFFEE HOUR Schedule**
- May 22nd
Christen Weller-Lanning
Single Moms Lifegroup
 - May 29th
Alex Tarin
Young Adults
 - June 5th
Sherra Ellis
North Everett Lifegroup
 - June 12th
Nate Hardy
North Everett West

Offering - 5-22-11 | \$9,210.00

F.I.T.S. Orientation Meeting, Sun. June 5th
12 to 12:30
Cascade Room
Everyone invited

F.I.T.S. (FUN IN THE SUN)

The office will be closed Monday, May 30th to celebrate Memorial Day.