



## BATTLE PLAN FOR PRAYER

### CHAPTERS 22 & 23

NOTE the Table of Contents ... still a part of 'STRATEGIES' section.

Review Verses from Last week Chapter 20 Praying the WORD OF GOD.

Review the MORNING AFFIRMATIONS handout from Last week.

#### **NEW THIS WEEK:**

LENTEN PRAYER GUIDE

Chapter 22 PRAYER STRATEGIES ---- The "WHATEVER" from God

Chapter 23 PRAYER STRATEGIES --- THE WONDER OF GOD'S NAMES

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#### **CHAPTER 22: THE "WHATEVER" FROM GOD**

"If you abide in me, and My words abide in you, ask **WHATEVER** you wish, and it will be done for you."  
John 15:7

Mark 11:24 "**WHATEVER** you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it."

John 14:13 "**WHATEVER** you ask in MY name, that will I do."

1 John 3:22 "**WHATEVER** we ask we receive from Him."

1 John 5:15 "If we know that He hears us in **WHATEVER** we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."

DISCUSS THE BALANCE BETWEEN PRAYING SINFULLY OR SELFISHLY and PRAYING FREELY FOR GOOD THINGS THAT YOUR HEART DESIRES?

SHARE A STORY OF WHEN GOD ANSWERED A PRAYER THAT WENT BEYOND A BASIC NEED AND JUST DEMONSTRATED HIS LOVING-KINDNESS.

James 4:3

Page 136 – WHAT IS THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING “WHATEVER”?

1. If you are **WALKING** with Him on the **PATH** He wants you to be walking.
2. If He’s your **FIRST** love.
3. If Your **HEART’S** desire is to **PLEASE** Him.

Hmmmmmm .... What does this tell us about our MOTIVATIONS?

Page 138 --- What do you think? *“When our delight is in Him --- when the beat of our heart is to say, ‘Lord, what can I do for You today, my Father?’”*

Psalms 37:4

James 4:2 “WHATEVER you wish” must move from a pleasant thought to a POWERFUL **PRAYER** STRATEGY.

+ Page 139 --- Note the importance of ASKING ... IF WE DO NOT ASK --- PERHAPS:

1. **LACK OF FAITH?**
2. Too much **SELF-RELIANCE?**

HOW MANY OF YOUR DESIRES ARE THE KIND THAT PLEASE THE LORD? (140)

READ the 2<sup>nd</sup> complete paragraph on page 141 ---- DISCUSSION?

Note: JAMES 1:17?

Page 141:

**SET YOUR HEART** UPON HIM.

**LIVE TO PLEASE** HIM.

**ACKNOWLEDGE** HIM AS BEING EVERYTHING IN YOUR WORLD.

**Discuss each sentence or phrase and then pray together:**

PRAYER: Dear God, I’m so grateful that You delight in blessing me. And I don’t want to miss a single one of them. Keep me so close to You, Lord, that nothing can stand between us. I realize no joy exists ANYWAY OUTSIDE of YOUR WILL FOR ME, OUTSIDE OF THE DESIRES YOU’VE PLACED WITHIN ME FOR FOLLOWING HARD AFTER YOU. I know I’ll never reach the bottom of your goodness and compassion toward me, and this truth makes me love You from the bottom of my heart. In Jesus’ Name, AMEN

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR BFPF – CHAPTER 23:

**“O may Your GLORIOUS NAME be blessed and exalted above all blessing and praise.”** Nehemiah 9:5

Read and discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph on page 143.

MAIN POINT: ACKNOWLEDGING AND PRAYING THE MANY NAMES AND TITLES OF GOD HELPS US TO UNDERSTAND, VALUE AND WORSHIP GOD EVEN MORE.

NOTE: 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph on page 144 --- highlight --- praying to ONE God versus many gods.

WHO GOD IS?

WHAT GOD DOES?

WHAT TITLES, POSITIONS, & ROLES?

WHAT DO YOU THINK PER PAGE 145 --- SOME NAMES REFER TO GOD THE FATHER?

SOME NAMES REFER TO GOD THE SON?

SOME NAMES REFER TO GOD THE SPIRIT?

NOTE: PSALMS 91:1-2 --- 2 verses -- at least 4 different names:

ELYON --- \_\_\_\_ The **MOST HIGH** \_\_\_\_\_

SHADDAI ---- \_\_\_\_ **THE ALMIGHTY** \_\_\_\_\_

YAHWEH --- \_\_\_\_ **the LORD** \_\_\_\_\_

My REFUGE, My FORTRESS ---- \_\_\_\_\_

ELOHIM --- \_\_\_\_ **MY GOD** \_\_\_\_\_

WHY IS GOD’S NAME VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM?

WHAT DOES GOD’S NAME REPRESENT?

TURN TO PAGE 244 – 249 in BFPF ...

DISCUSS WHICH NAME MEANS THE MOST TO YOU PERSONALLY:

CONSIDER PRAYING TO A ROTATING VARIETY OF SOME OF THESE NAMES OF GOD:

DO YOU TEND TO PRAY TO: GOD THE FATHER?

GOD THE SON?

GOD THE SPIRIT?

THE POINT IS TO **SEEK** GOD ...

TO **KNOW** GOD ...

TO **WORSHIP** GOD ...

WHEN YOU ARE PRAYING A SPECIFIC CRY OR NEED --- CONSIDER LOOKING AT THE NAMES OF GOD AND PICK THE SPECIFIC NAME THAT RELATES MOST TO YOUR PRAYER.

Discuss each phrase or sentence and then pray together...

PRAYER: (148)

***Lord, Your name is great, just as you are great. And while You are one God --- CREATOR of all, without rival --- I PRAISE YOU that YOU ARE MORE THAN I REALIZE AND EVERYTHING I NEED.***

***THANK YOU for allowing us to call on YOU at ALL TIMES, in ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, and for PROMISING TO BE our ALL IN ALL AT EVERY MOMENT.***

***I WORSHIP YOU TODAY, Lord God, MY SAVIOR,  
MY SUSTAINER,  
MY FRIEND &  
MY REASON FOR LIVING.***

***IN YOUR POWER OF YOUR PRECIOUS NAME AND BEING, AMEN.***