

Week 8 of Challenge #3 For the week of June 21 – June 25

⇒ This is our final week of Challenge #3 40 Days of Prayer. We will take a 2 week break and begin challenge #4 on July 12 – September 3, 2021. We will continue to use the same book: *Praying the Names of Jesus* by Ann Spangler focusing on chapters 9 – 16 for 8 weeks. So, hang on to your book. Put it up in a safe place. And we will carry on soon.

PRINCE OF PEACE

2015 WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE YEAR! Jeff, my husband, and I celebrated 30 years of marriage. Our celebratory trip was visiting the Holy Lands. A trip I'll never forget. To walk where Jesus walked. To glide the waters of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus fished. To see the places where Jesus taught. To be baptized in the Jordan River. To know that Jesus, our Prince of Peace literally walked where we were walking and ministering where we were standing, was beyond amazing. Peace, the Peace of Christ that transcends our understanding walked on earth and allows His peace to dwell in us.

2016 WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE YEAR! Our youngest daughter got married and our oldest daughter graduated from college and moved to another state to begin her career leaving my husband and I in the "empty nest" season of life.

2017 WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE YEAR! Our oldest daughter got married, we sold our dream home, bought a RV, left our jobs to hit the road developing the ministry approach for Evangelism Explosion's newest ministry called: Equip America! It wasn't on the bucket list. It wasn't on the want to do list! It wasn't in the "plan!" But it was God's plan.

2018-2020 WERE UNFORGETTABLE YEARS! On the road developing the EQUIP AMERICA Strategy and all was going well....then Covid-19 hit. A year later we find ourselves back "home" and things are changing yet again. A new role in EE, a new vision God birthed to my husband one night in a dream bringing about a new season for Equip America known as Equip America 2.0. A transition from a mobile life of campgrounds and church parking lots to a more normal structured life like the one we knew for so many years but now seems quite foreign. I wish I could testify to having been completely resting in the arms of *Sar Shalom*, my Prince of Peace, through all of these unforgettable moments of the past five years (I've only mentioned the last five but there are many

more prior to 2015) fulling relying on Him as my source of all peace. If I had rested more fully in the arms of the God of Peace, I could have lived life more peaceably.

Author, Paul David Tripp says this about Peace. "Peace came. Peace lived. Peace died. Peace rose again. Peace reigns on your behalf. Peace indwells you by the Spirit. Peace graces you with everything you need. Peace convicts, forgives, delivers you. Peace will finish his work in you. Peace will welcome you into glory, where Peace will live with you in peace and righteousness forever. Peace isn't faded dream. No, Peace is real. Peace is a person, and his name is Jesus." When we fully rely on Christ our Peace we are at peace.

Our new life in Christ Jesus, when we become a follower, results in a new nature. We take off the "old man" and put on the "new man." We become His and clothed in His righteousness. We choose to wear His wardrobe. Think about this.... A costume is worn to play a part for appearance sake, putting on and taking off depending on the performance. Costumes don't reflect the person behind the costume. When we choose Christ, we choose His wardrobe (His righteousness) which reflects our new identity in Christ, God's character and nature. The outer shell grows in unison with the inner shell and they become one in Him. We are to be like Him. Col. 3: 15-17 says, "so, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it." When we begin to be clothed entirely by His wardrobe, Christ's peace dwells fully in us. Peace is part of the wardrobe that we wear. Peace, Peace God's Peace. Our Prince of Peace. Let Him be Your Peace.

Daily reflections as we consider our Prince of Peace:

Monday: Read James 5:16 today. Who is someone that needs a word of peace, joy, love or forgiveness from you? Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied in Luke 1:67. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh and anew today so that you can proclaim the words of the Lord to encourage that person.

Tuesday: Read and consider Colossians 3:12-15 again. How well are you clothed in the deeds of the flesh or the character of Christ? Are you still trying to wear both at the same time? What are you wearing that you need to take off and what do you need to put on to fully reflect the identity of Christ? Pray the name of Jesus, our Prince of Peace asking Him to help you fully replace the old garment with the new garment and walk in His peace.

Wednesday: Read Philippians 4:6-9. Does worry consume your life? Meditate on God's perfect peace in this scripture. Ask God to cause the worry to cease and the peace to increase.

Thursday: Read Romans 16:20 today. Do you sometimes wonder if you'll ever find peace in some of your life's circumstances? Hear the Apostle Paul's encouragement for you today. Pray this scripture as a prayer to the Prince of Peace.

Friday: Read Isaiah 26:3 and meditate on God's purposes found in this scripture. Which problems in your life do you have the most problem seeing through? Memorize this scripture so that every time you see an area of distrust you claim this promise in prayer to the Prince of Peace.

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 ${\cal A}$ doration: we worship You God for WHO You are not just for WHAT You do for us!

Lord, my God, You, are God in the heavens above and in the earth below! (Joshua 2:11)

You stretch out the north over empty space; You suspend the earth on nothing. (Job 26:7) You made the Pleiades and Orion
And turn deep darkness into morning
And darken day into night.
You call for the waters of the sea
And pour them out over the face of the earth –
The Lord is Your name. (Amos 5:8)

- Elohim, You, our God, Mighty Creator, created the heavens and the earth. All things came into being through You. Praises to You are Mighty Creator.
- God, You, amaze us for great are You Lord and greatly to be praised.
- We love You Lord for always being available to us. Anytime we want to talk to You, 24/7, you are just longing to hear from us. Thank you for being attentive to our voice of supplications. We adore you availability, Lord.
- Father, we love how active You are in every detail of our lives. Your word says that You know when we sit and when we rise. You perceive my thoughts from afar. Every moment of every day You are actively involved.
- Lord, we worship you, the Prince of Peace acknowledging that peace comes from living under your rule and following your examples.
- King of Kings, we worship You because You are our perfect Ruler.
- Prince of Peace, we adore You for being our source of all peace. And we praise You for showing us the path to peace.
- Lamb of God, we praise You for your strong love and tender mercy.
- Lord of Lords, we worship You for Your promised redemption.
- Physician, we glorify Your healing compassion and for placing Yourself in the midst of our struggles and hurts.
- Bread of Life, we cry out our tribute to You who is able to take care of all our needs, physical and spiritual, mental and emotional.
- Child, who has been given the names Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace we praise You for keeping Your promises to us.

• Light of the World, You, bring light to the darkness, your plan for the world has been unswerving, and we praise You for shining Your light into our lives giving us an unending life with God.

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

 \underline{C} onfession: we now humbly admit ours sins and failures as a people, as a church and as a nation!

My Lord, let Your power be great, just as You have spoken, saying, "The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression." (Numbers 14:17-18)

You, Lord my God, are gracious and compassionate, and You will not turn Your face from me if I return to You. (2 Corinthians 30:9)

- As a nation, we have become puzzled with temporal things; failing to set our affections on things above; our gaze has been altered and we are no longer focused on You; we are given over to the amusements of this world and the crazy activities of an earthly perspective; please forgive us!
- Forgive us for our dishonor of You and Your name; we have sin in our hearts and forget to speak Your name, Lord. Forgive our words of dishonor, rebellion, and disobedience.
- O Lord, we have allowed Satan to bind and enslave us with our own passions. Jesus, You died to set us free from the bondage of sin; forgive us for giving in to our fleshly passions and sinful addictions; set us free and make us slaved of You, Jesus!

Confess these sins to God:

- Personal patterns of sin.
- Your inability to reflect on Christ's presence without his grace.
- o Failures that disfigure the image of God in you.
- Any failure to value God's Word enough to read it regularly.
- o Any tendencies to settle for less than what Jesus has to offer you.
- o Any tendencies to live as though this world is all there is.
- Any tendencies to mistrust God because of past disappointments.
- Any tendencies to identify yourself so closely with you sin that you have difficulty accepting God's forgiveness.

Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

Thanksgiving – Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving.

Praise God for:

- the SYFW at Lebanon Foursquare Church in Lebanon OR where John Rist taught 15 people. PTL the pastor is planning on implementing OJT!
- o the **SYFW** at Lebanon Foursquare Church in Bogalusa LA, Walter Lewis taught 15 people.

- the SYFW at Mukilteo Alliance Church in Mukilteo WA, Tim Nguyen taught 40 participants. Pray
 the 40 EE students of this church to go out and bring more people to Christ. This church plans to
 hold an EE workshop for English speaking group in the future.
- the SYFW at Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Stillwater OK where Chris Lorenz taught 7 people. Praise God that youth pastor, Deacon Pennokee came to the EV2 launch in May and had this SYF workshop scheduled within 5 days. At the SYF on June 5, there were 3 pastors and 3 new churches represented with at least 2 planning to implement EV2!
- the first Saturday Ev2 Lab with Bill McClain went very well. There are now 9 high school and college age youth and four adults being trained. On OJT 53 contacts were made, the Gospel was shared 7 times with one profession of faith. Pray that the training and the outreach next Saturday will be very fruitful!

 \underline{S} upplication – Pray for spiritual revival in the nation and the Great Commission to be fulfilled!

Pray for:

- all of the plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2022.
- Bill McClain as he prepares for an Everyday Evangelism Lab with an Indian congregation, the Green Meadows Church of Southwest Ranches, Fl on June 12, 19, and 26. They have identified twelve adults and youth whose desire is to establish an Evangelism Explosion training ministry in their church. Pray for the 12 missionary trainers that their schedules would remain free.
- our leaders would know God and serve Him; that God would give them wisdom and surround them with godly counselors.
- many on-site prayer warriors to cover each Equip America training.
- our first EE 24 Hour Global Day of Prayer on August 3, 2021.
- all of the plans associated with the Equip America on Aug 28th in Manteca CA, Wilmar MN, Aztec NM and Dale City VA. Pray for Pastors to be encouraged and challenged to equip their churches to share the Gospel.
- all the churches who have had trainings to implement additional training in the coming months!
- the TDC Bolivia Training at Seminario Teólogico Presbiteriano in Santa Cruz Bolivia July 5 31.
- God's favor on the 2-hr. training Randall Wood, John Sorensen and Jeff Givens will teach at the Pregnancy Care Center in Clearwater FL the end of June.
- What all You are doing and have done! You are still, and always will be a God of miracles. Open our eyes!
- for Israel, that there would be no division in their nation, for Your covering to surround them. Would you guide their every step, and would You grant wisdom in every situation.
- our divided Nation. Division is not from You; we pray against this spirit and pray for unity in America.
- us to be Your hands and feet in this world, may we represent You well, Lord.
- Churches to be awakened to the urgency of equipping believers to share the gospel.
- wisdom and prompting of the Holy Spirit to speak the truth in love, the truth that we are "One Nation Under God," and nothing less.

(Share Your Faith Workshop, Everyday Evangelism, Hope For Kids, Mentoring for Multiplication)

SYFW	6/26/21	Six:Eight Vineyard Church	Bryn Mawr PA
SYFW	6/26/21	First True Love World Outreach Ministries	Ponchatoula LA
SYFW	7/10/21	Living Bible Fellowship	Gettysburg PA
SYFW	7/24/21	Bible Baptist Church	Upper Darby PA
SYFW	7/31/21	New Life Baptist Church	Norlina NC
SYFW	8/21/21	First Baptist Church of Rogers	Rogers AR
SYFW	8/21/21	Destination Church	Fletcher NC
SYFW	9/4/21	First Baptist Church	Clarendon AR
SYFW	9/18/21	Trinity Lutheran Church	Atchison KS
HFK Launch	7/9 - 7/10	Calvary Church	Ripon CA
EV2 Launch	8/6 – 8/7	Brookstone	Asheville NC
EV2 Launch	8/19 - 8/20	First Baptist Church	Rodgers AR
MFM	8/13 -8/14/21	Online	Arden NC