

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Joshua & Carol Ngunta | Mali



PRAISE

- Praise God for the great start we have received for a new school in Bamako, we already have \$80,000 of the \$270,000 needed.
- Praise God for the metamorphosis of the children, who are receiving an education but are also creating a brighter future.

PRAY

- Pray for a new project to secure a fully furnished, functioning, and Christ-centered school in Bamako, the capital city, for students from kindergarten to 9th grade.
- Pray for the people of Mali and for souls to be saved.

THE FIGHT

Winning The Battles That Matter Most

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Fight For Your Family

As the Israelites were working at rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem, there were other groups of people who wanted to stop them. They tried to discourage them and threatened them. Nehemiah posted the people all around the wall with weapons to protect everyone from the enemies coming against them. He reminded them to not be afraid because God is awesome and then encouraged them to fight for their families.

During the Old Testament times, people had to physically fight for their lives and to protect their families. When Jesus came, He changed the fighting status from physical fighting to spiritual fighting. Now a person is to love his physical enemies and do good to them.

The fight today is now a spiritual fight. Every believer in Jesus must fight against spiritual forces that are in this world. These forces are the forces of greed, theft, lust, hatred, jealousy, violence, and the list goes on. Everywhere a believer looks, one will see these forces trying to grab him and take him captive into the world’s ways of sin.

Jesus has overcome this world and all the dark spiritual forces in it. As a believer, you also have His strength and victory over these forces.

You, like every believer, has some family somewhere. They may be in your immediate home, or a long way off. Some may even be separate to where you do not really know them, but you do have family.

Having a family, means that you must fight for their spiritual lives. Daily fight for them in prayer that God will draw their hearts to Him and protect them from the attacks and lies of the enemy. Talk with your family daily about God’s love, mercy, rules, and protection.

Do not be afraid of the enemy, God is greater. Do not allow the world to win your family over. Fight for your family. Allow God to win the spiritual battles for their souls.

I pray today that God will show you how the enemy is attacking your family; that you will stand in prayer to God against the enemy; that you will live for God as a witness to your family; and that God will protect you and your family from the attacks of the enemy.

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KEY VERSE

Nehemiah 4:14 (NKJV)

“And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: II Corinthians 2:11; Nehemiah 4:1; Nehemiah 4:10-12

Expect Challenges

1. II Corinthians 2:11 warns us in the statement *“lest Satan should take advantage of us.”* How do YOU arm yourself against Satan’s attack?
2. Doing battle with your enemy is going to take a toll on you. What does Nehemiah 4:10-12 teach us about fatigue and anxiety in warfare?

Tuesday: Nehemiah 4:4,6,9; Proverbs 5:18; Proverbs 22:6

Pray With Passion And Put In The Hard Work

3. Nehemiah 4:4 expresses the passion of a prayer lifted up to God to overcome an enemy. Is YOUR prayer this passionate when you lift it up?
4. Nehemiah 4:6 tells of the completion of the wall: *“for the people had a mind to work.”* Are YOU putting in the same hard work for your family?

Wednesday: Nehemiah 4:13a; Ephesians 5:23; Joshua 24:15

Lead The Way Men

5. Referencing Eph.5:23; What spiritual impact are you having on your family?
6. Joshua 24:15 educates us on the spiritual choices we have in choosing what and whom to worship. What choices are you making for your family?

Thursday: Nehemiah 4:13b; Ephesians 6:17; Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Arm Every Family Member With The Bible

7. Nehemiah 4:13b is a clear call to arms for every family of believers. What weapons are you using to arm your family?
8. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 is giving us clear instruction on how to prepare our household for spiritual battle. Are you following these verses in yours?
9. What is the greatest weapon we wield according to Ephesians 6:17?

Friday: Nehemiah 4:14-15; Romans 8:31; Nehemiah 4:21-23

Remember The Lord

10. It is written in II Timothy 1:7 we are not given *“a spirit of fear.”* What assurance does Nehemiah 4:14 give us regarding our Lord?
11. Romans 8:31 assures us in the statement *“If God is for us, who can be against us?”* What encouragement does this verse offer YOU?