

## **Weekly Prayer Strategy**

**21 May – 27 May 2017**

**This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Family – God's Primary Shield Part II.**

### **Prayer Point 1**

**Genesis 1:27**

**So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.**

- Repent for where you have believed the lie that you are insignificant in the sight of God. Or where you have made your children or spouse feel that they are insignificant to you or to God.
- Declare the following over yourself:
  - i. I am made in the image of God.
  - ii. That means I am relational, I can give and receive love.
  - iii. That means I have a moral consciousness, I can discern right from wrong, which makes me accountable to God.
  - iv. That means I am intellectual, I can think, reason and solve problems like God.

(For each of the above declarations also impersonate your children and spouse)

### **Prayer Point 2**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

**For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

**Psalms 139:16**

**You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in your life where you have lost hope and become pessimistic. Repent and ask God to remind you of the plans He has for you.
- Declare the following over your life:
  - i. I have been created to make a contribution in God’s Kingdom. I have a destiny to fulfill.
  - ii. I matter to God.
  - iii. God takes pleasure in me.
  - iv. I exist for His glory, His purpose and His delight.

(For each of the above declarations also impersonate your children and spouse).

### **Prayer Point 3**

#### **2 Corinthians 6:11-13**

**We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.**

- Ask the Lord to break every wall of self-preservation that you have erected around yourself.

### **Prayer Point 4**

#### **Romans 12:15**

**Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.**

#### **New Living Translation**

**Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.**

- Repent for where you have been so self-centred that you have failed to accurately discern the emotional needs of your loved ones.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the wisdom to know how to appropriately respond to the emotional needs of your spouse, children or those close to you.

## **Prayer Point 5**

**1 Timothy 6:17**

**Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to break every hindrance stemming from your upbringing that has resulted in fear of authority figures or fear to freely express yourself.
- Pray that God the Father will show you moments where you can appropriately let your guard and play and have fun with your family.

## **Prayer Point 6**

**1 Corinthians 13:11**

**When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.**

- Repent for where you have placed unfair expectations on your children, spouse or loved one.

## **Prayer Point 7**

**Proverbs 3:11-12**

**My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, as a father the son he delights in.**

- Pray that God the Father will give you revelation as a parent or guardian of the importance of exercising biblical discipline over your children. (Be honest with God, especially where you know you have struggled with embracing what the word of God says about how parents should discipline their kids. Ask for His help).
- Ask for wisdom on how to apply biblical discipline to your children.

## **Prayer Point 8**

### **2 Tim 3:13-15**

**While evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.**

### **Proverbs 22:6**

**Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.**

### **Deuteronomy 6:6–7**

**And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.**

- Ask God for forgiveness for where you have not allowed your spouse or children to express their faith in God freely or relate to God in a manner that they are comfortable with. (Provided that their choice of expression is biblical).
- Pray that God would show you ways to create a home and family environment that is conducive to growing in the Lord and loving Him more.