Offensive Spiritual Warfare

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 Offensive spiritual warfare is summed up in one word –

Advancement.

• Who is your God?

Areas of awareness for your personal warring

- Declaration of Intent.
- Spiritual Gifts.
- Desires.
- Expectancy
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Advancement

- We move from a defensive stance to an offensive stance.
- Recognition of who our GOD is!
- Praise and Worship.
- Father, I praise you because
 Begin to list His attributes. Worthy of praise. Holy, loving, kind, merciful, good, trustworthy, unchanging, all-knowing, all powerful, ever present.

Praise the Son

 Jesus, I acknowledge today that you are my Healer! You are my Redeemer. You are my Provider. You are my Protector. You are my Savior. You are my Sanctifier. You are Truth. You are the Way. You are Life. You are Light. You are the Bread of Life. You are the Living Water.

Praise the Holy Spirit

 I praise you, Holy Spirit, because you are the one who guides me into truth. You are my Advocate. You are the one who convicts me of sin. You are the one who comforts me. You are the one who points me to Jesus. You are the one who reminds me of all that Jesus has done on my behalf. You are the one who helps me. You will be with me forever. (John 14:16-26)

- Praise brings our attention back to whom we belong !!!!
- We belong to Jesus!
- We are covered by THIS God!
- Nothing can separate us from His love.
 Romans 8:31-33, Ephesians 3:16-21
- Pray these passages of Scripture because they reveal the heart of the Father.

Prayer for Strength

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches you will strengthen me with power through your Spirit in my inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in my heart through faith. And I pray that I, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that I may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

- Romans 8. Proclamation of Truth.
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Who is my God?

- If THIS God is for me, then who can be against me? NO ONE
- NO THING
- NO PLAN
- NO STRATEGY
- NO SCHEME
- NO TACTIC

- David before Goliath
- Elijah before prophets of Baal
- Moses before Pharoah
- Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego before Nebuchadnezzar.
- Daniel before Darius.
- Esther before Xerxes.
- All or None.

Declaration of Intention

- Two Purposes of Declaration:
- Put the enemy on notice.
- For yourself to walk in truth.
- All-Powerful God, today I come under your covering. I declare that I will be a woman who gives herself wholeheartedly to you!
- I will obey all you say!
- I will do whatever you ask of me!
- I will follow you anywhere!
- I will say everything you want me to say!

Spiritual Gifts

- I will prophesy whenever you bring it to my mind.
 I will teach your word to whomever and whenever the opportunity arises. I will listen for your voice and put together the best team of people I can find to do what you say or show me is on your heart.
- (What are your spiritual gifts? Turn them into declarations of intention.)

Areas where I need help

- I will ask for help when I need it.
- I will say no when I hear you tell me NO.
- I will take care of my physical body, mind and spirit.

Desires

- Oh God, I want to be a woman of your Word.
- I want to be able to memorize it, so I can recall it when I pray and speak to others.
- I want to be a woman of integrity and character so that my life lines up with what I say.
- God, I want to be a woman who trusts you wholeheartedly!
- Psalm 37:3-5 Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this.

Expectancy

- I want to see your kingdom come in our midst whenever we gather.
- I want to see revival.
- I want you to breakthrough for the community of Nyack College, Alliance Theological Seminary, the Village of Nyack, Rockland County and this greater Metropolitan New York area.
- I want to see you breakthrough for your Church.

Not I, but we

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Ways to move forward through offensive spiritual warfare: Recall who your God is!

Focus on the truth and fullness of our relationship with God.

Receive the Father's love during your time of prayer, whether you are asking or listening.

Put worship music on in the background as you pray.

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- Breakthrough is revealed in the presence of the Lord.
- Breakthrough is sealed by the strategy of God.
- Breakthrough is activated by our obedience.