

Edward Christian Church

**Spiritual
Warfare
Pt 22**

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WARFARE**

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Ephesians 6

ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?

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**You will get through this. Not because
you are strong, but because God is.**

Max Lucado

Warning

- **Be (*now-constant*)**
- **Strong (*infused w- inner ability*)**
 - **In the Lord (*found one place*)**
- **Power (*overwhelming – irresistible*)**
 - **Might (*strong arm*)**

Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.
Ephesians 6:10 NLT

The Devil Knows ...

He Cannot:

Stop the Building of God's Church
And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. -Matthew 16:18

He Can Try:

Stop the Movement of God's Church!!

For the
weapons
of our
warfare
are
not carnal,
but mighty

Impenetrable Armor of God



Realize That We Are Equipped to Win
“Put on the Whole Armour of God”

Paul Is Not...

- ⌘ Making a suggestion
- ⌘ But strongest kind of command
- ⌘ Take immediate action.

“Put on the whole armor that comes from God....”

Corinthians
10:4

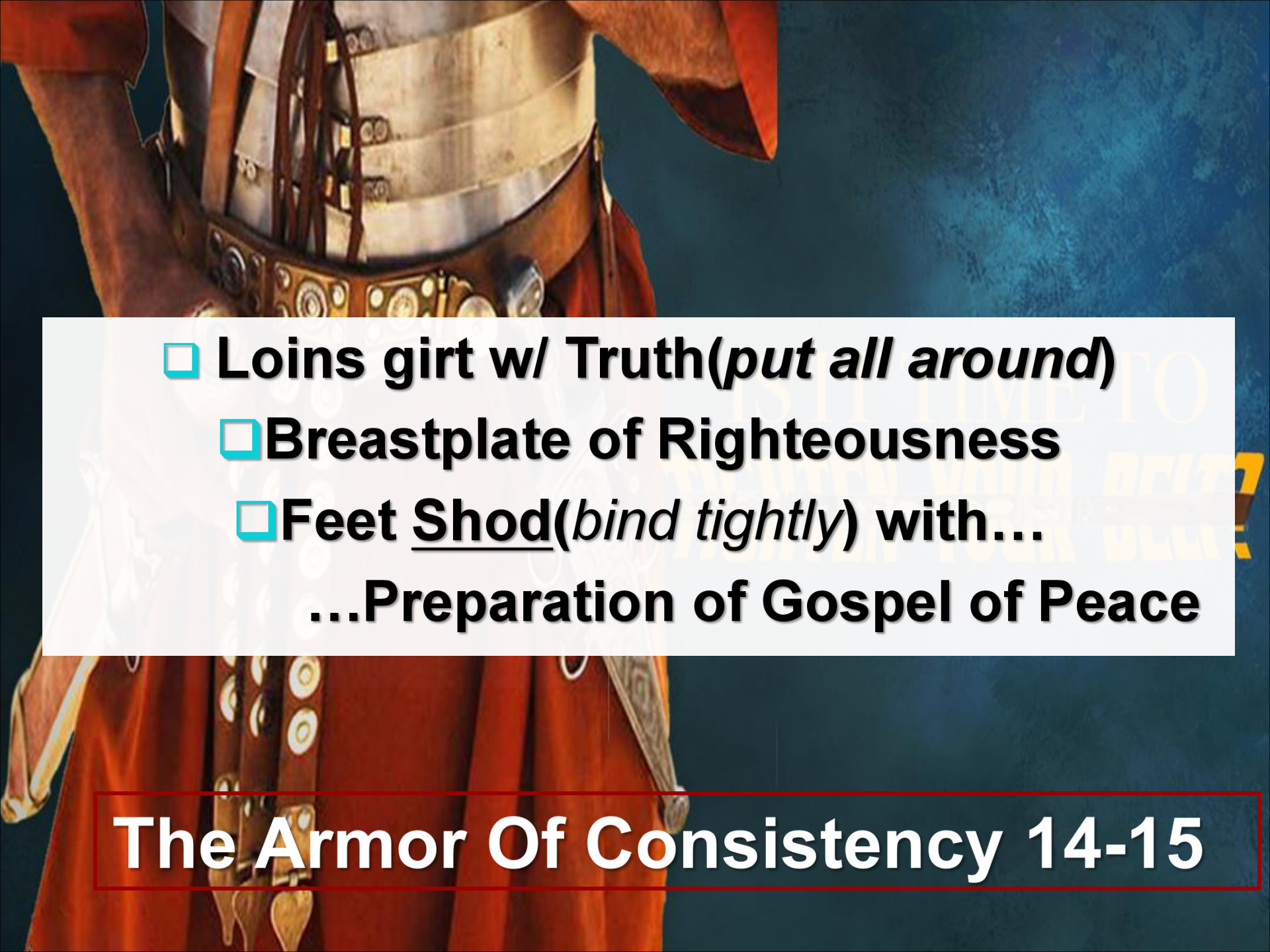
Impenetrable Armor of God

Radical Protection

Three Specific Categories

**Each Category has It's Own Merit
in the Fight for Right.....**

AND MY
FINGERS TO WAR

- 
- ❑ Loins girt w/ Truth(*put all around*)
 - ❑ Breastplate of Righteousness
 - ❑ Feet Shod(*bind tightly*) with...
...Preparation of Gospel of Peace

The Armor Of Consistency 14-15

The Armor Of Confidence 16-17

**Shield of Faith
Helmet of Salvation**

above all, taking
**The Shield
Of Faith**

with which you will be able to quench all
the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Ephesians 6:16

Armor Of Communication (17-19)

PRAY ON IT,

PRAY OVER IT,

BUT MOST OF ALL,

PRAY THROUGH IT!

Armor Of Communication (17-19)

Sword of the Spirit

Praying Always(*whole + period*)

I Thess. 5:17,*"Pray w/ out ceasing...."*

**Why Does the Devil Try to Stop Us
From Praying Without Ceasing?**

**ONE GOOD REASON
WE SHOULD PRAY**



GOD can do more in a
second than we can do for
ourselves in a lifetime.

ONE GOOD REASON

Prayer is Way We Commune w/ God

- **P- Powerful**

- **R- Responsive**

- **A- Armor**

- **Y- Yield**

- **Prayer is a Powerful Force**

- **It is Life-Changing**

**THE PRAYER OF
A RIGHTEOUS PERSON HAS
GREAT
POWER
AS IT
IS WORKING**

James
5:16

Paul Calls Us to Use One of the Most Powerful Weapons Available : Prayer . .

Paul Saves It For Last In This List-

✚ **it is the MOST IMPORTANT WEAPON of Battle!**

✚ **Not that it Should be Used as the Last Resort or When All Else Fails! No!**

He says to pray ON ALL OCCASIONS!

And to ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING!

He Told the church at Thessalonica
'pray without ceasing!' -1 Thess. 5:17

Why?

**When God's
Warriors get
down on their
knees, the battle
isn't over.
It's just begun.**

When God's

Prayer is a Divine Connection to an Impotent God

☞ Because Nothing Is Impossible to God...

...Nothing Is Beyond the Reach of Prayer

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” - Eph 6:18

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There Is Public Prayer- Private Prayer

⌘ Individual Prayer- Corporate Prayer

⌘ Long Prayers- Short Prayers

⌘ Standing Prayers - Sitting Down Prayers

⌘ Laying On Face Prayers, While You Walk Prayers

⌘ The Prayer Of Faith, Petition, Intercession

⌘ The Prayer Of Submission, Repentance

**BELIEVERS EVERYWHERE.
-EPHESIANS 6:18**

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AT ALL

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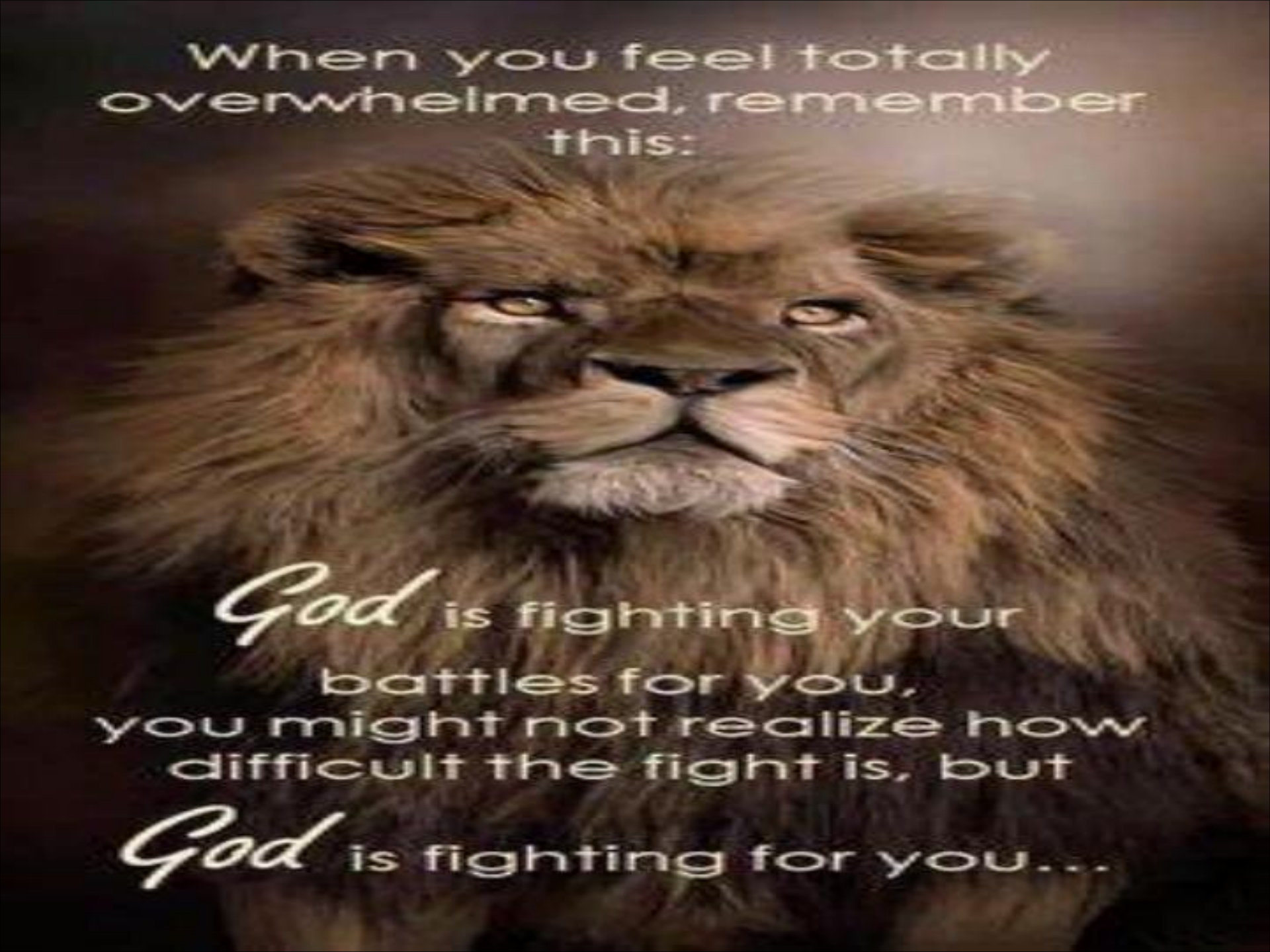
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**The Believer Hasn't Even Begun To Fight
Until He Learns To Pray**

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overwhelmed, remember
this:



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battles for you,
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**Paul Is Calling For
More Than Specific Prayers
He's Calling for a Lifestyle Of Prayer!**

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difficult the fight is, but
God is fighting for you....

**Pray in the Spirit at
all times and on every
occasion. Stay alert
and be persistent in
your prayers for all
believers everywhere.**

- Ephesians 6:18 NLT -

Three Things That He Says About Prayer.

It Must Be Constant

- ⌘ Our tendency is to pray only in great crises of life;
- ⌘ but it is daily prayer that we will find daily strength.

It Must Be Intense

- ⌘ Limp prayer never got a man anywhere.
- ⌘ Prayer demands the concentration upon God.

It Must Be Unselfish

- ⌘ The Jews had a saying, “Let a man unite himself with the community in his prayers.” Often our prayers are too much for ourselves / too little for others.
- ⌘ We must learn to pray as much for others and with others as for ourselves.

**And he who
searches our
hearts knows
the mind of the
Spirit, because
the Spirit
intercedes for
God's people in
accordance with
the will of
God.**

- Romans 8:26-27 NIV -



And he who

Paul calls on Christians to pray IN THE SPIRIT.

What does it mean to pray 'in the Spirit'?

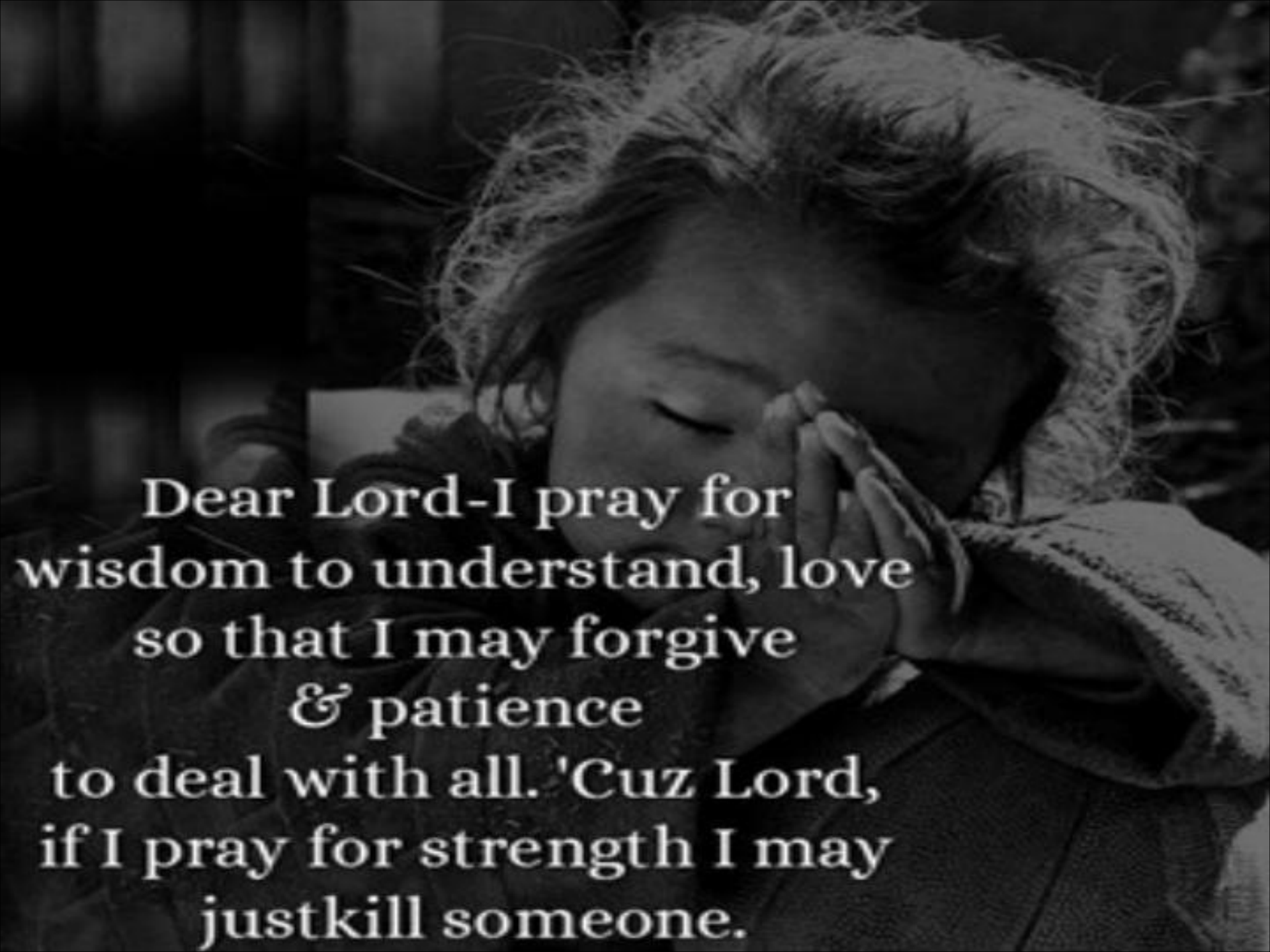
☞ **To pray 'in the Spirit' is to pray 'under the influence of the Spirit.'**

☞ **This is a call to be guided / led by the Holy Spirit of God in Our prayers!**

He is the one who motivates and enables and energizes your prayer.

God.

- Romans 8:26-27 NIV -



Dear Lord-I pray for
wisdom to understand, love
so that I may forgive
& patience
to deal with all. 'Cuz Lord,
if I pray for strength I may
just kill someone.

A - Assistance:

⌘ Ask God for His assistance, empowering/ directing in fulfilling His will so that the person will operate under the Biblical obedience and the Spirit's control.

B - Boldness:

⌘ Pray that the person speaks the word of God with boldness, confidence and articulative effectiveness.

C - Comfort:

⌘ Ask God for comfort when one is discouraged, broken-hearted or stressed out. Pray that the Lord will help them trust and obey regardless of the opposition.

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LET'S PRAY
FOR
EACH OTHER



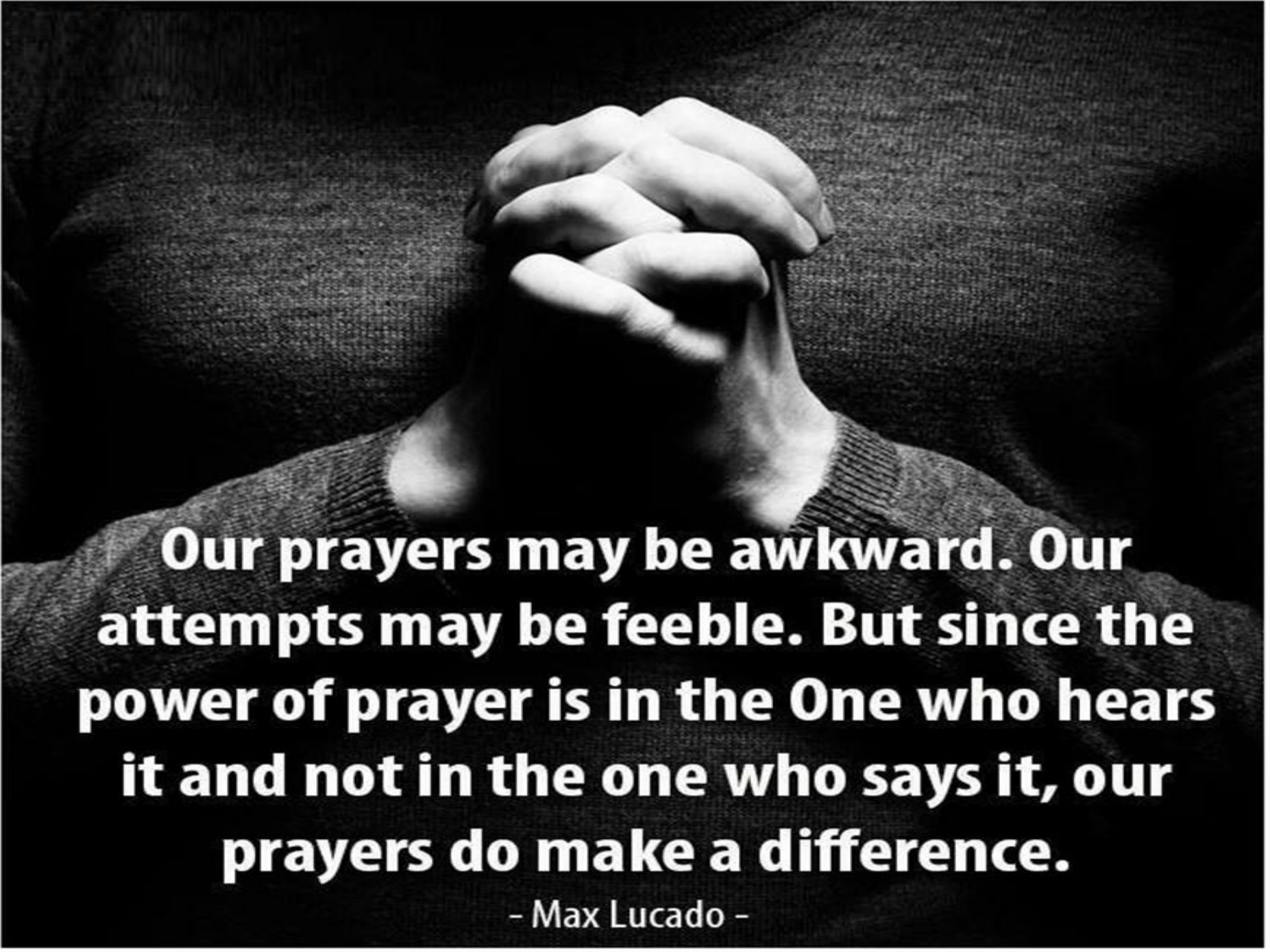
D - Direction:

🌀 Ask the Lord that the person will sense God's specific direction in activities, ministries and relationships.

E - Encouragement:

🌀 Ask God to send someone or something to the person to allow the person to be a blessing to many. Trust God for the renewing of the joy of the Lord as their strength.





Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

- Max Lucado -

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.

YOUR KINGDOM COME.
YOUR WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY
BREAD.
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.

AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO
TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL
ONE.

FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND
THE POWER AND THE GLORY
FOREVER.
AMEN.

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