

Wall of Prayer



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Dear Prayer Warriors,

My dear friend, Susan was having a difficult day yesterday. The subject of Wall of Prayer came up and she told me she was worrying about getting her Wall of Prayer materials out. I offered to help; thinking this would consist of stuffing envelopes, placing labels and the like. Then she asked if I would write the letter and insert for the calendar. That was NOT what I had in mind. She is an eloquent writer and always touches my heart with her message and I felt unqualified to take her place. Then I realized with God's guidance, I could get through it. He is my strength that leads me through each day, so I will write what He has put on my heart.

This day and age has become a constant battle to find any solitude. I joined Facebook about a year ago, and enjoyed connecting with old friends and sharing pictures with all of my "friends." There is no sin in this, but I found myself checking it several times a day and before realizing, an hour could easily pass by. During this time, I had wandered away from getting my quiet time with God before my day started, but I sure had time to check out everyone's status and new pictures on Facebook everyday!! My hobby is running and this past summer I trained with four other ladies every Saturday morning at 6 am. During one run I was feeling exhausted and needed to walk. One of my new friends was thinking the same thing. Somehow we got on the subject of how we came to know the Lord and had many things in common. For some reason, I confessed to her that quiet times and studying the Word had been put to the way side. After that run we started texting verses back and forth to encourage one another and my time with God became a priority. I felt compelled to delete Facebook to help clear this chaos and darkness. This re-commitment felt like coming home to peace.

Soon after this, my husband lost his job and we were devastated. God's hand held us each day, showing us new truths. My husband read a devotional that we had for years by Chuck Swindoll called 'Intimacy with the Almighty'. The four "S's" to strive for are Solitude, Surrender, Silence and Simplicity. Those are the four things that were missing in my life. Our future is uncertain, but God knows where He will take us and I find peace in that.

As an adult, my life got caught up in the trap of Facebook and other distractions. How hard must it be for our teens to stay focused on God? There are so many ways to indulge in sin and lust just on a cell phone. It frightens me to think of my grandchildren growing up in this darkness. During these next few months, may we join together in lifting up our child and prayer partner to the God who can turn chaos to peace and darkness to light.

In Him,

Pam

I am so thankful for Pam's help as the pain and medications I am taking have made it difficult for me to study and write. I am also very thankful for the encouraging cards and notes I have received and for the many prayers that have been voiced on my behalf. While I continue to have the headache, we are hopeful that upcoming treatments will bring some relief and we rest in the perfect plan of our loving and merciful God. In Him, Susan Admire

"Lord, there is no one besides Thee to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in Thee, and in Thy name have come against this multitude. O Lord, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee." 2 Chr. 14:11