

HOMECELL NOTES

PASTOR AT BOSHOFF

THEIR SHOUTED PRAISES ARE THEIR WEAPONS OF WAR

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WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

WORSHIP

Prepare Praise and Worship for the Homecell gathering (1 Praise & 1 Worship song)

WORD

Psalm 149:6-9 The Passion Translation

⁶ God's high and holy praises fill their mouths, for their shouted praises are their weapons of war! ⁷ These warring weapons will bring vengeance on the nations and every resistant power—⁸ to bind kings with chains and rulers with iron shackles. ⁹ Praise-filled warriors will enforce the judgment decreed against their enemies. This is the honor he gives to all his godly lovers. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

We are engaged in a continuous spiritual warfare, a spiritual battle that affects this natural world we live in.

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QUESTION 1: In what ways have you experienced this spiritual battle in your own personal life? What are some of the battles you're currently facing?

Ask a few cell members to read 2 Corinthians 10:3-4, Ephesians 6:10-13 & 1 Peter 5:8-9

QUESTION 2: The Apostle Paul makes it very clear that we're predominantly fighting a spiritual battle. What are some of the weapons we should use in fighting a spiritual battle?

QUESTION 3: How well do you feel you are equipped to use these weapons?

On Sunday Pastor At shared with us three major weapons God gave us to resist and to defeat every attack of the enemy. Let's have a look at them:

1. PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18 The Message Bible

Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

Ask a few cell members to read James 5:13-18 & Philippians 4:6-7

QUESTION 4: James states that "...tremendous power is made available through a good man's earnest prayer..." (JB Phillips Translation)" In what ways have you seen God work in your life when you prayed earnestly?

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QUESTION 5: What prayer-keys have you learned in the course of your spiritual journey? What practical advise would you give someone who would like to implement these keys in their own personal prayer-life?

2. THE SPOKEN WORD

Ask a cell member to read Matthew 4:1-11

QUESTION 6: Jesus set a powerful example in the way He dealt with the enemy. How should we apply this principle when we face any attack from the enemy?

Answer: Jesus used the word as an offensive weapon against the devil. God's word in your mouth is a weapon that cuts off the enemy's plans. His anointed word in your mouth is a weapon God uses to defeat your enemy.

3. SHOUTED PRAISES

Psalm 149:6 The Passion Translation

God's high and holy praises fill their mouths, for their shouted praises are their weapons of war!

Ask a few cell members to read Psalm 100:1-2, Psalm 66:1, Psalm 81:1, Psalm 47:1, & Psalm 98:6

The voice of victory on the battleground is the voice of rejoicing!

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QUESTION 7: Why would you say praise is such a powerful spiritual weapon?

Answer: Praise is powerful because it changes the atmosphere! When praise goes up, heaven comes down. Praise brings God's presence to the battle ground and defeats the enemy time and again!

Let's have a look at a real-life situation where these principles were used to bring a major victory:

- Ask a cell member to read 2 Chronicles 20:1-3 – *The Israelites faced an impossible situation. Jehoshaphat brought the nation together to fast and pray.*
- Ask a cell member to read 2 Chronicles 20:16-17 – *They got a clear word from God.*
- Ask a cell member to read 2 Chronicles 20:18-23 – *They use their shouted praises as a weapon to defeat the enemy.*

WORKS

There are only 2 weeks left before the school holidays. Challenge members to put in some extra effort in reaching their Oikos List friends. Spend a few minutes in prayer tonight declaring God's word over each Oikos List person. Remember, our focus is to **WIN THE LOST AT ANY COST.**