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INTO THE WORD

Matthew 9:35-38

1 Peter 4:8 (NIV): “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

This verse reminds us of the power of love in our relationships and how it relates to our prayer life. Love can be a catalyst for breaking down barriers and strongholds.

1 Peter 2:1-9 (NIV): “Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation... But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession...”

Here, Peter emphasizes our identity in Christ. As part of a royal priesthood, we are called to intercede and pray with authority.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV): “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own...”

This verse highlights that our bodies are not just physical entities; they are vessels for the Holy Spirit. Understanding this empowers us to approach prayer with reverence and expectation.

GOING DEEPER

To effectively break strongholds through prayer, we need to focus on a few key actions:

1. Be Filled with the Holy Spirit:

- **2 Corinthians 1:22 (NIV):** “He set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

The Holy Spirit equips us with the wisdom and strength to pray effectively. Are we making space in our lives for His fullness?

2. Repentance:

- **Daniel 2:22 (NIV):** “He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.”
- Repentance clears our hearts and minds, allowing us to align with God’s will. Strongholds often remain due to unconfessed sin; let’s examine our hearts and seek God’s light.

3. Stepping Up in Prayer:

- **Luke 11:13 (NIV):** “If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
- Prayer is an invitation to engage with God. Let’s not only pray for ourselves but for our Church and community. We need to ask boldly and expectantly.

4. Taking Our Place as Living Stones:

- As living stones in the Church, we are vital to the spiritual foundation. We must commit to supporting one another through prayer, fostering a culture of intercession and love.

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