

## The Battle for Our Families



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The Bible is clear that in these last days, the church of Jesus Christ faces the wrath of Satan. He is hell-bent on destroying marriages, alienating children, pitting family members against each other with the simple goal of bringing ruin and destruction to every home he possibly can. Jesus referred to this demonic work when he described Satan, saying, "You are of your father the devil ... He was a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44).

The tragedies plaguing families today are simply beyond belief. All over the world, the devil is wreaking absolute havoc and he will not stop until he devours every family in his path. Amid all this destruction, Satan has not overlooked Christian homes. Many believing families have been wracked by chaos, sorrow and pain through divorce, rebellious children, and addictions of all kinds.

In any troubled home, someone must get hold of Jesus! When an impossible situation arises, no counsel or medicine can help; a miracle must happen or else it will end in devastation. Miracles come as a result of intercessory prayer, determination and persistence.

When Christ was on the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, "a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, 'Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed'" (Matthew 15:22). Satan had moved into this woman's house and possessed her daughter. Jesus didn't answer the woman right away and the disciples even urged him to send her away so she would stop bothering him (15:23). But the woman wouldn't leave because her daughter's condition was a matter of life and death to her. She wasn't going to relent in her pursuit of Jesus and the Lord commended her for it: "'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.' And her daughter was healed from that very hour" (15:28).

Beloved, we have been promised all the grace and mercy we need for our crises and that includes every crisis involving our families, saved or unsaved. We have been invited to come boldly to Christ's throne with confidence! But I can assure you of one thing: good things will never happen if we simply resign them to fate. We must labor in intercession for our family and our loved ones. Make this your prayer: "Lord, whatever it takes, I'm going to do battle for my family as long as I live."

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