

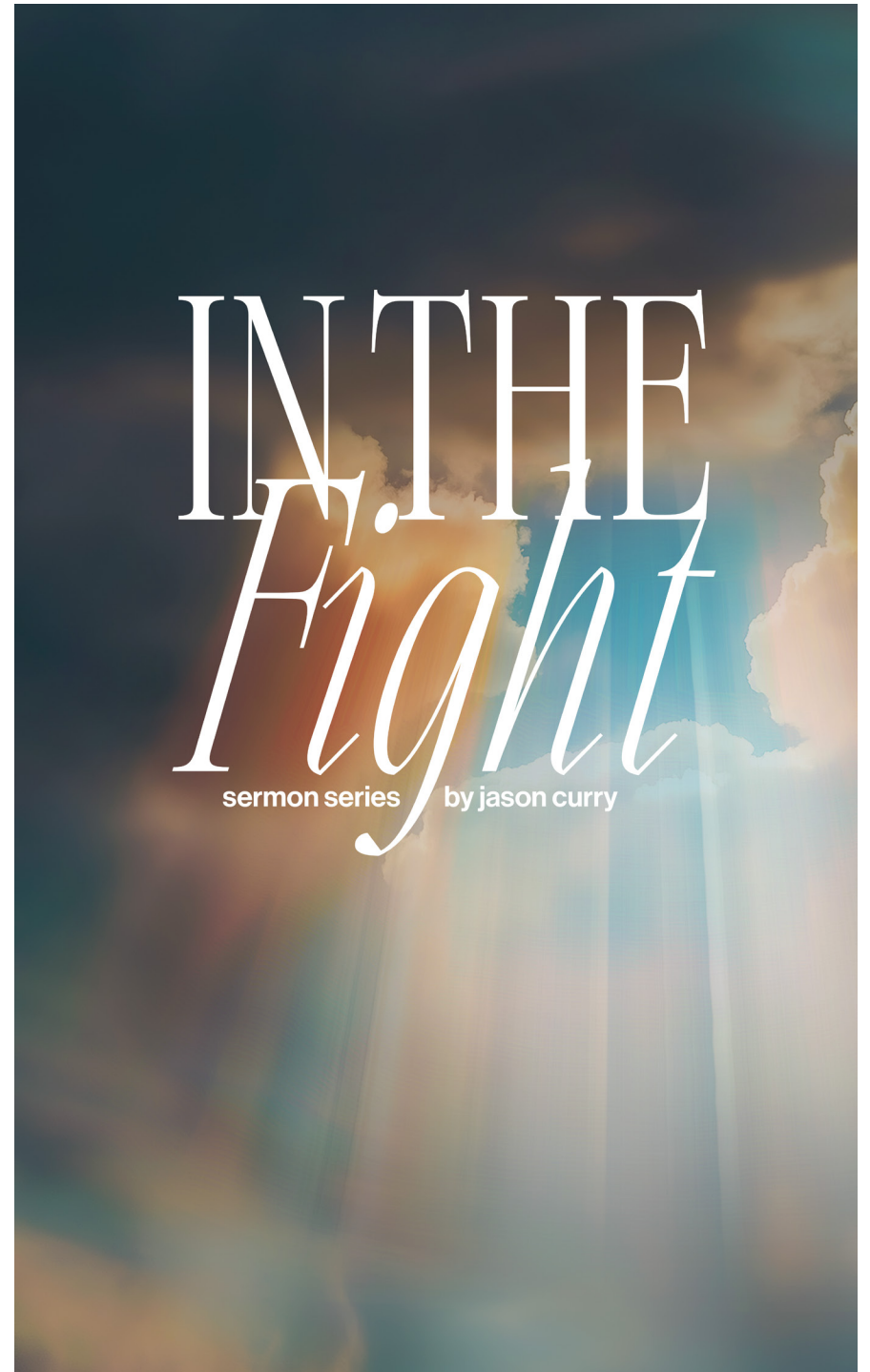


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IN THE *Fight*

sermon series by jason curry

BE PRAYERFUL

¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:18-20

- Intercessory means to pray on behalf of someone else
- Supplication means an earnest, humble, specific request made to God

PRAY _____

Praying at all times in the Spirit...

“To pray in the Spirit means to pray by His power, according to His ability, not ours, and in accordance with His will.”

Charles Swindoll

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings

too deep for words.

Romans 8:26

We come to the Father, through Christ, by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to the will of God. When we do not know what to pray, the Spirit works on our behalf, aligning our prayers with God's purposes. This does not mean the Spirit is convincing a reluctant Father to help us. The Father already loves us. Rather, it means God Himself is working on our behalf within the Trinity. When we do not know what to do, say, or pray, the Spirit helps us. The Father hears us. The Son gives us access. The Spirit helps us.

PRAY _____

To that end keep alert with all perseverance...

Vigilantly: Keeping careful watch for possible danger, difficulty, or opportunity; remaining alert and attentive

- Prayer sharpens spiritual discernment.
- Prayer helps us recognize the enemy's schemes.
- Prayer keeps us focused when distractions increase.
- Prayer helps us persevere when the battle is difficult.

PRAY _____

Making supplication for all the saints...

Every believer needs someone who sees their battles, encourages their faith, points them to Christ, and faithfully prays for them.

PRAY _____

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Paul was in prison, yet his greatest concern was not his freedom but his faithfulness. He prayed for boldness because he knew the mission was greater than his circumstances and eternity was more important than the moment.