

Surround Part 2: United In Prayer

(Daniel 10:12-13 NLT) Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me.

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(Acts 1:14 NLT) They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

1. God's purpose is discovered.

(Acts 1:24-25 NLT) Then they all prayed, "O Lord, you know every heart. Show us which of these men you have chosen as an apostle to replace Judas in this ministry.

2. God's presence is undeniable.

(Acts 2:1-2 NLT) On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven.

(Acts 2:14, 16 NLT) Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd... what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

3. God inspired preaching is most effective.

(Acts 2:37-38, 41 NLT) Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins... Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

4. God's people are strengthened.

(Acts 2:42-44, 47 NLT) All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had... And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

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(2 Kings 6:8-15 NLT) When the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he would confer with his officers and say, "We will mobilize our forces at such and such a place." But immediately Elisha, the man of God, would warn the king of Israel, "Do not go near that place, for the Arameans are planning to mobilize their troops there." So the king of Israel would send word to the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he would be on the alert there. The king of Aram became very upset over this. He called his officers together and demanded, "Which of you is the traitor? Who has been informing the king of Israel of my plans?" "It's not us, my lord the king," one of the officers replied. "Elisha, the prophet in Israel, tells the king of Israel even the words you speak in the privacy of your bedroom!" "Go and find out where he is," the king commanded, "so I can send troops to seize him." And the report came back: "Elisha is at Dothan." So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city. When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" the young man cried to Elisha.

(2 Kings 6:16-17 NLT) "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" Then Elisha prayed, "O lord, open his eyes and let him see!" The lord opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire

(Philippians 4:6-7 ESV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Psalm 91:11 ESV) For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

(2 Kings 6:18-19 NLT) As the Aramean army advanced toward him, Elisha prayed, "O lord, please make them blind." So the lord struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. Then Elisha went out and told them, "You have come the wrong way! This isn't the right city! Follow me, and I will take you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to the city of Samaria.

(Romans 8:31 NLT) If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

(1 John 4:4 KJV) Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.