Love and War (Authority in Prayer)

What a YEAR!

I. The Great Drama - Wickedness in high places or Joy in a higher place

Division in our land...

The Root of the Division is abortion... the blood of the innocents fills the land with demonic violence.

Basis of our warfare -

1. blessing

Eph. 1:3 **Blessed** be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed** us in Christ with **every** spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he **chose** us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be **holy** and **blameless** before him. In love 5 he **predestined** us for **adoption** to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

2. grace,

[SLIDE 1] 6 to the **praise** of his **glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

3. redemption,

[SLIDE 2] 7 In him we have **redemption** through his **blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a **plan for the fullness of time**, to **unite all things in him**, things in heaven and

things on earth.nite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

4. inheritance

[SLIDE 3] 11 In him we have obtained an **inheritance**, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

5. Rich mercy... position in Christ!

Eph. 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...

4 But God, being **rich in mercy**, because of the **great love** with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and **raised us up** with him and **seated us** with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

6. Walk in AGAPE Love — The power of forgiveness

Eph 3 — Rooted and grounded in love, may know the love

- Eph. 4:1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
- 31 Let **all** bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with **all** malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Eph. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

7. Full Arsenal and Armor of God

- Eph. 6:10 Finally, be **strong** in the Lord and in the **strength of his might.**
- [SLIDE 4] 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.
- 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of **truth**, and having put on the breastplate of **righteousness**, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the **gospel of peace**. 16 In all circumstances take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**, 1
- [SLIDE 5] 8 praying 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, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

What can we do?

[SLIDE 6] EZEK 22:30b NIV stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land

[SLIDE 7] <u>50daysofblessing.org</u>

Lafayette Park. — Joy and Peace

B. A HIGHER PLACE of joy!

Ps 2:4 He who sits in the heavens **laughs**; the Lord holds them in **derision**.

C. A HIGHER PLACE of family privilege!

7 I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

What is the source of demonic division, I believe the flood of innocent blood is THE issue that is dividing our nation.

But I feel that *the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion*, because Jesus said, "If you receive a little child, you receive me." So, every abortion is the denial of receiving Jesus... It is really a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?

How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love, and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion should be helped to love -- that is, to give until it hurts her plans, her free time, to respect the life of her child. For the child is the greatest gift of God to the family because they have been created to love and be loved.

The **father** of that child, however, must also give until it hurts.

By abortion, the mother *does not learn to love*, but *kills* even her own child *to solve her problems*. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. So that father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So, abortion just leads to more abortion. *Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love one another, but to use any violence to get what they want.* This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

I Jn 3:8 The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

II. The Power of Prayer, Fasting and — REVERSALS.

The Drama – Surrounded, Condemned, REVERSALS Jehoshophat 2 Chron 20:20

Esther — For such a time

Acts 16 – Paul & Silas in jail

Acts 16:25 About **midnight** Paul and Silas were **praying** and **singing** hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately **all the doors were opened**, and **everyone's bonds were unfastened**.

III. It May Look Like I'm Surrounded

CHURCH Open its eyes and RAISE its voice.

- Psa. 22:27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
- 28 For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- 29 All the **prosperous** of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who **go down to the dust,** even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- 30 **Posterity** shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the **coming generation**;
- 31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that

he has done it!

IV. PRAYING for ACTIVATION; VOTING FOR LIFE

A. Our Free Response - Return to the State of Joy

Hope —> Joy. His **GOODNESSS** is RUNNING AFTER ME!

Anger — Frustration —> CONTEMPT (beneath consideration)

RETURN TO LOVE — FULL SHARING

B. What Shall We Say?

To bad news?

Ro 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

To being dissed, cursed, called names?

- 34 Who is to **condemn**? Christ **Jesus** is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is **interceding for us**. **[SL 9]**
- 35 Who shall **separate us from the love** of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or **persecution**, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

DECLARE and DECREE

- 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- [SL 10] 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NOVEMBER 3— President & VP (Policies)

435 Representatives; 33 Senators

7,383 State Legislators

87,000 State and Local governments — 511,000 offices

SHOUT in the DARK

PRAY from PEACE AND VOTE from Wisdom!!!

FAST 9/2-10/11

ASSIGNMENT - PRAY! Gather in homes.

National Healing and Renewal

Racism will be replaced by Righteousness
FAMILIES STRENGTHENED
GOD OF HOPE!!