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"So we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us; we [as Christ's representatives] plead with you on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God," (II Corinthians 5:20).

Effective Prayer Bible Study by Judy Hartman

An Overview of the book to prepare you for your own journey through it

Lesson Four

Dear Precious Ladies,

I am in North Carolina enjoying my eighteen immediate family members, especially Breanna, who is graduating from Bible Baptist Church High School. I will be riding horses with my daughter, Melissa, Breanna, Breanna's dad, John, and probably a few others. We ride on 350 acres with woods, streams, hills, meadows, absolutely a dream place to ride

If you look really closely, you will see me galloping up the pasture hill on a mighty steed (knowing the horse will stop at the top of the hill).

- I. Begin in prayer, including prayer for our national and church leaders and prayer for the 83 girls still in captivity in Nigeria and the total of 276 whose lives have been so devastated by their horrendous abuse in their three years in captivity.
- II. Worship the Lord by singing Alleluia led by Rebecca
- III. Review Lessons 1-3
- IV. Receiving Jesus Christ: Admit you are a sinner (Romans 3:23); Repent (Romans 6:23; Ask God to forgive you (I John 1:9); pray to invite Jesus Christ to be your Savior and Lord (Romans 19:9-19) Then read the Bible; carry passages with you; pray; put on the whole armor of God; pray Psalm 91; listen to God and journal what He says to you; begin and end prayer with praise, worship, and thanksgiving to God in Christ Jesus; invest yourself in a church where Jesus Christ is alive and the Word of God is taught; tell others of your newfound gold mine: Jesus Christ; live in joyous expectation of what God will do each day in your life

- V. Now get ready to share your faith. Break up into two's now and each of you tell the other how you came to know Jesus Christ. You can use two or three verses to focus on, what He did in your life, keeping Jesus as the center. If you haven't selected verses yet, just tell the other lady
- 1) One sentence: life before Jesus Christ
 - 2) One sentence: How you came to know Him
 - 3) One sentence: Life after Jesus Christ
- Take five minutes each Enjoy getting to know each other better

Continue Review-don't look up the verses in the review chapters

- VI. Review Chapter One of *Effective Prayer*
God is delighted when you talk to Him (Proverbs 15:8)
- VII. Review Chapter Two
God has a secret for you when you talk to Him a lot (Psalm 25:14)
- VIII. Review Chapter Three
The supernatural power of God will flow through you when you pray (James 5:16)
- IX. Review Chapter Four
God answers your prayers (John 15:7)
- X. Review Chapter Five
Come to God in reverent awe and trembling (Isaiah 66:2)
- XI. Review Chapter Six
You can hinder your prayers by selfish or greedy motives (James 4:2-3)
- XII. Review Chapter Seven
Pray for leaders of nations and all who are in authority, especially your pastor (I Timothy 2:1-2)
- XIII. Review Chapter Eight
Praise the Lord from when the sun comes up until the sun goes down Psalm 113:3; pray as David did-morning, noon, and evening Psalm 55:17
This is where we stopped last week
Stop and pray any time during the lesson. Skip to "T" at 11:40 pm
- XIV. Put on the whole armor of God: Ephesians 6:10-20
1. Put on the belt of truth which is the Word of God
 2. Put on the breastplate of righteousness which is the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for you to live in His righteousness
 3. Put on your feet with the readiness of the gospel of peace-you are ready to share Jesus Christ with everyone you meet today
 4. Take up the shield of faith-to extinguish all flaming arrows of Satan

5. Put on the helmet of salvation-keep every thought captive to the mind of Christ; be ready to speak of the Hope that is within you
 6. Carry the sword of the Spirit with you-keep passages and verses before you all day, writing the Word of God on your heart
 7. Pray in the Spirit all of the time
- XV. Chapter Nine: How did Jesus pray? Matthew 14:23; Luke 6:12
How should we pray? Psalm 95:6; Daniel 6:10; Luke 22:40-42
- XVI. Chapter Ten: What is the prayer of agreement? Matthew 18:19-20
- XVII. Chapter Eleven: Why do we pray in the name of Jesus Christ? John 16:23-24; John 14:13; Philippians 2:9-11 One day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
- XVIII. Chapter Twelve: What is the power of the name of Jesus Christ? I John 3:23; Read pages 90-91; Say the name of Jesus often
- XIX. Chapter Thirteen: God has a glorious plan for your life-Jeremiah 1:5; Ephesians 2:10
- XX. Chapter Fourteen: Pray God's answer, pray the Scripture, instead of the problem-Psalm 55:22; Jeremiah 1:12; Hebrews 4:12
- XXI. Chapter Fifteen: Rest in the Lord knowing that He answers prayer-Psalm 71:5-6; Hebrews 11:6
- XXII. Chapter Sixteen: Trust in God through Christ Jesus in His timing-II Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 4:16
- XXIII. Answers to Prayer: 11:40 about two minutes each