

A Letter From Pastor

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The Focused Christian

During one of our recent leaders' meetings, I asked the leaders what was the focus and scripture for the church for 2025? Some of them answered unsure of themselves, while some hesitated to answer, and some just flat out admitted that they were unsure or couldn't remember. I reminded them that Word of Knowledge Ministries' focus for 2025 is Philippians 4:4-7, Living in the Peace of God.

I don't share this to embarrass the leaders, but to ask you as well, do you know what the focus for Word of Knowledge Ministries is for 2025? So, if you don't know or can't remember, how do we as a church stay focused? Focused on God... Focused on Kingdom things... Focused.

I'll tell you – we can't. Again, not to embarrass anyone but to remind us of our focus. Philippians 4:4-7 states:

4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

When I preached this message on January 5, 2025, I shared 4 points with us:

- 1. Don't worry and let things get the best of us
- 2. Pray about everything
- 3. Be thankful for ALL God has done
- 4. Let peace work in our lives

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I reminded us that we have to make a decision to live in the peace of God because the world also offers peace, the world kind of peace. That peace is unstable, shaky, and dependent on our situation. The God kind of peace is spiritual, everlasting, stable, and comforting. The Holy Spirit helps us live in the peace of God.

We've made every effort as a ministry to stay focused on living in the peace of God. We've begun fasting and praying every month from the 1st through the 7th. We have our morning prayer line going strong every Monday and Thursday at 5am. We're still doing intercessory prayer before our Sunday and Wednesday services. Ask yourself, have you made it to intercessory prayer? What about prayer during our monthly fast? Are you joining us for morning prayer on Monday or Thursday?

Only you know the answer to those questions. If we truly want to get closer to God, to live in his peace, we must make the effort. God tells us in His word exactly what to do to enjoy His peace. Are we doing it?

Staying Focused Takes Intentionality

You know, it's easy to get distracted. Life comes at us fast – work pressures, family responsibilities, health concerns, financial worries. Before we know it, we're caught up in the whirlwind of everyday life and we've lost sight of what really matters.

But here's the thing: focus doesn't just happen. It requires intentionality. It requires making a choice every single day to fix our eyes on Jesus and His promises rather than on our circumstances.

When we forget our focus, we start living like everyone else in the world. We worry about things we can't control. We lose our joy. We forget to pray until we're desperate. We complain instead of giving thanks. And slowly but surely, that peace that God promised us slips away.



A Challenge and an Invitation

I want to challenge each of us to get serious about staying focused for the remainder of this year. If you haven't been joining us for morning prayer, I invite you to start. If you've been skipping our monthly fasts, I encourage you to participate. If you've been missing intercessory prayer before service, come a few minutes early.

These aren't just church activities; they're lifelines to the peace of God. They're ways we stay connected to our source of strength and keep our focus where it needs to be.

Remember, we're not just trying to be busy Christians - we're trying to be

focused Christians. Christians who know where to find peace when the storms of life come. Christians who remember what God has done and trust Him for what He'll do next.

So, let me ask you again: Do you know what our focus is for 2025? Can you recite Philippians 4:4-7? More importantly, are you living it out?

The peace of God is waiting for you. The choice is yours.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Bible Study Cell Groups

Experience Bible Study in a Whole New Way

This year, we launched Bible Study Cell Groups, where we gather in small groups for in-depth discussion and fellowship. What began as an occasional monthly meeting on the 5th Wednesday quickly grew into something special. The response was so enthusiastic that Pastor expanded the program to meet every 4th and 5th Wednesday of the month.

If you haven't joined a Cell Group Bible Study yet, we encourage you to try it! These intimate gatherings offer thought-provoking discussions that allow us to dig deeper into Scripture together. We've explored powerful topics like 'God Did Not Give Us the Spirit of Fear,' 'Deeper Purpose of God's Pruning,' and 'God of Just Enough?' - lessons that have challenged us to grow in faith and understanding.

Our instructors take time to prepare each lesson and guide meaningful conversations, ensuring everyone leaves with a fuller understanding of God's Word and a closer walk with Him. The small group setting creates a comfortable space where questions are welcomed, insights are shared, and authentic spiritual growth happens.



Mark your calendars for our remaining Cell Group Bible Studies this year:

- October 22 & 29
- November 26
- December 24

We'd love to see you there as we close out the year growing together in faith!

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven. Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts. As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

MATTHEW 6:9-13

Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(*See full schedule of events on last page)

OCT 27, 6:00pm - Women in the Presence of God

NOV 1 - 10am - Leaders Meeting

NOV 1-7 - Monthly Fasting & Praying

NOV 9, After Service - WOK Thanksgiving Dinner

DEC 1-7 - Monthly Fasting & Praying

DEC 31, 10pm - New Year's Eve Service

WOK PRAYER AND FASTING

1-7 OCTOBER 2025

| DAY/ DATE | STATE/S | SCRIPTURE/S | INTERCESSION | Y/N | FAST SCHEDULE |
|----------------------|---|---|--|--------|--|
| Wednesday, October 1 | UTAH | Psalm 23:3-4; Isaiah 53:5; 3 John 1:2 | Intercede for those grieving loss (loved one, job, identity), living with chronic illness, or carrying deep emotional pain. Pray against despair and hopelessness, and ask God to bring healing, comfort, and restoration. Declare renewal, peace, and wholeness over mind, body, and spirit. | Y N | All meats, fruits, veggies, rice, nuts, water, and juice Junk food, or sodas |
| Thursday, October 2 | WORLD | Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:14-15 | Intercede against demonic hindrances and territorial spirits that block evangelistic efforts. Intercede against resistance to the Gospel, and pray for the release of laborers, supernatural provision, open doors in restricted regions, and protection over missionaries as a great harvest of souls are awakened to Christ. | Y N | All meats, fruits, veggies, nuts, water, and juice Junk food, or sodas |
| Friday, October 3 | COLORADO | Joel 2:28-29; Psalm 27:1; 1 Timothy 4:12; | Intercede for youth and young adults enslaved by addictions, distractions, and apathy. Pray against spiritual blindness and timidity, and ask God to ignite courage, vision, and prophetic calling. Declare boldness, wisdom, and a fresh hunger for God. | Y N | All meats, fruits, veggies, rice, nuts, water, and juice Junk food, or sodas |
| Saturday, October 4 | All Military Personnel, Veterans, and Retirees | 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 85:6; Acts 3:19-20 | Intercede against famine, devastation, and hopelessness. Pray for God's supernatural provision, rebuilding of communities, and renewed spiritual life, revival of faith, and God's kingdom influence to expand. Declare flourishing lands, thriving economies, and hearts turned fully to God. | Y N | Fruits, veggies, nuts, and water (only) Meat, junk food, juice, or sodas |
| Sunday, October 5 | NORTH CAROLINA | James 5:16; Ephesians 5:25; Colossians 3:13 | Intercede for marriages and families under spiritual attack. Pray against infidelity, strife, and division, and ask God to restore covenant bonds, love, and unity. | Y | All meats, fruits, veggies, nuts, water, and juice Junk food, or sodas |
| Monday, October 6 | MISSISSIPPI | Psalm 46:10; Isaiah 32:17; Proverbs 16:7 | Intercede for communities experiencing corruption, violence, and unrest. Pray against chaos and lawlessness, and ask God to release peace, justice, and protection. Declare stability, divine governance, and restoration of order. | Y | All meats, fruits, veggies, nuts, water, and juice Junk food, or sodas |
| Tuesday, October 7 | NEW HAMPSHIRE | Galatians 3:13; Exodus 20:4-6; Psalm 103:17-18 | Intercede against every generational curse, inherited stronghold, and ancestral bondage, and pray for the power of Christ to break chains, release freedom, and establish God's mercy (now) and over generations to come. | Y N | All meats, fruits, veggies, nuts, water, and juice Junk food, or sodas |

<u>Prayer will occur daily. The church will be open from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday prayer days will occur at home.</u>



Fasting & Praying

We have been going strong with our monthly corporate fasting and praying the first seven days of each month and we have seen God do a mighty work within the ministry. As you know, our focus this year is to *live in the peace of*

God, and in order to do that, we must pray more, fast more, and trust God even more. Each month, we focus on different areas, as you can see on the October 2025 schedule above. We continue to follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit and pray for other things He places on our hearts during this time. Some of the past topics we've prayed for have been: all the states in the United States, the world, women, men, families, and our nation's military members. As you can see from the schedule above, each day includes what we are interceding for, Scriptures, and the foods we can/cannot eat during the fast.

The church is open for prayer from 5-7 pm during the fast. In November, the dates for prayer will be Saturday 11/1, Monday 11/3, Tuesday 11/4, Thursday 11/6, and Friday 11/7. There will be a roster where you can sign up to pray. We ask that you make plans now to come out to the church for prayer during November and December.

And all
things,
whatsoever
ye shall ask
in prayer,
believing,
ye shall
receive.

MATTHEW 21:22

The Anatomy of Spiritual Warfare: Understanding the Battle We're In

INSPIRED BY ELDER LARISHA PERLOTE'S 2-PART SERMON ON JUL 23 AND AUG 13, 2025

Based on Ephesians 6:10–18 and Revelation 12:7–12

Let's start with some good news: **in the end, we win**. The devil is already defeated and his power is limited. Still, he tries to attack us, so we need to understand how spiritual warfare works. When we know what's really happening, we can stand firm and fight from a place of victory.

What Is Spiritual Warfare?

Spiritual warfare is the ongoing, unseen battle between good and evil—between God's people and the forces of darkness. The devil's goal is to pull us away from God by attacking our thoughts, emotions, and will. The Bible teaches that the devil does this by using different levels of evil forces: principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness.

So, what is the 'anatomy' of spiritual warfare? Just as anatomy shows us how the body works, spiritual warfare shows us how the enemy works. He is sneaky, and his attacks are often internal. The enemy uses fear, doubt, anger, and negative thoughts to turn us away from God. The enemy wants to control **minds and hearts**—that's where the real fight takes place.



Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

supplication for all saints;

The Anatomy of Spiritual Warfare: Standing Firm in Victory (CONT'D)

How the Enemy Attacks

The enemy usually works in three ways:

- 1. **Accusation** He reminds us of our past and makes us feel unworthy. The only thing that beats that is God's Word.
- 2. **Deception** He twists things to make wrong seem right.
- 3. **Rejection** He isolates us so we feel unloved or forgotten.

All of these attacks aim to separate us from God and from others. The way to fight back is through forgiving others, and even ourselves.

The devil also loves rebellion. He'll whisper thoughts that make us question God's plan or delay our obedience. But obedience to God, even when it doesn't make sense, brings victory.

How We Fight Back

Ephesians 6:13–17 tells us to put on the **whole armor of God**. That means using everything God has given us to stand strong—faith, righteousness, salvation, truth, peace, and the Word of God.

Standing firm doesn't mean doing nothing; it means taking action in faith. Pray, worship, and use the Word daily. **Prayer** keeps us connected to God—it's our lifeline.

Every Battle Has a Strategy

Just like in the military, every spiritual battle has a plan, a **blueprint**. Look at how people in the Bible handled their battles:

- **David** (1 Samuel 30:1–8) asked God what to do before moving.
- Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20:1–30) praised God before the battle even began.
- **Joshua** (Joshua 6:1–20) followed God's instructions, even when they didn't make sense.
- **Gideon** (Judges 7:1–20) trusted God with a small army and still won.
- **Jesus** (Matthew 4:1–11) fought the enemy with Scripture.

Each one sought the Lord, remembered His power, and listened for His instructions. *That's the blueprint for victory.*



Submit
yourselves
therefore to
God. Resist
the devil, and
he will flee
from you.

JAMES 4:7







The Anatomy of Spiritual Warfare: Standing Firm in Victory (CONT'D)

Worship Before War

Before you fight any battle, **worship first**. Worship shifts your focus off the problem and onto God's power.

Sometimes God's plan won't make sense, like when Joshua marched around Jericho's walls. But obedience is more important than logic. When you trust God's plan, He fights for you.

The SALT Report: Assessing Your Battle

When you're under spiritual attack, take a moment to assess what's going on. Here's a simple way to do it, call it your **SALT Report**:

- **S Situation**: What's happening right now?
- A Activity: What's the enemy doing? What am I doing?
- L Location: Where's the battle—my mind, my home, my heart?
- T Timeframe: When did this begin?

This helps you pray with focus and see how God wants you to respond.

You're Fighting From Victory, Not For It

Remember this: you're not fighting to win—you're fighting because you've already won. Jesus already defeated the enemy. Our job is to stand firm in that truth.

Renew your mind with Scripture. Guard your heart through worship. Stay connected to God through prayer. The enemy's power is limited, but God's power is limitless.

Stand firm—your victory is already written.



Dictory

For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

DEUTERONOMY 20:4



Member Highlight

We want to send love and prayers to Jevon L. Wallace as he embarks on his Air Force career as a Cardiopulmonary Care Practitioner. The 26-year-old received his Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and joined the military in January 2025 at the rank of Airman First Class (E-3). We are so proud of him and pray that God continues to bless his career endeavors.



Put Your Gifts to Work

There is room for your gift at WOK!

- ~Do you love working with kids?
- ~Do you love to sing unto the Lord?
- ~Are you good with technology?
- ~Do you love serving and assisting others?

If so, there is room for you to get to work in the ministry. Contact Elder Kelvin Perlote for more information on opportunities to serve.

Scheduled Events

NOV 01, 10am - Leaders Meeting

NOV 01-07 - Church Fast

NOV 09 - Birthday Sunday (Wear your WOK T-shirt)

NOV 09 - WOK Thanksgiving Meal

DEC 06, 10am - Leaders Meeting

DEC 01-07 - Church Fast

DEC 13, 2:30-4pm - Single's Ministry - Dinner @ WOK

DEC !4 - Birthday Sunday (Wear your WOK T-shirt)

DEC 31, 10pm - WOK New Year's Eve Service

JAN 03, 10am - Leaders Meeting

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sundays 10:00 AM

Wednesdays 6:35 PM Cell Group Bible Study every 4th & 5th Wednesdays

INTERCESSORY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:20-9:45 AM

Wednesdays 6:00 - 6:30 PM

MORNING PRAYER LINE SCHEDULE

Mondays 5:00 AM

Thursdays 5:00 AM

Dial 720-708-1216 Enter PIN 8955017

^{**}Fellowship Brunch will be served every Third Sunday following service**