

PRAYER WALKING

Prayer walking – ‘praying on site, with insight’ listening – intercession – spiritual warfare

BIBLICAL BASIS

Enoch:	walked with God, so did Noah (Genesis 5:24; 6:9)
Abraham:	was told by God to walk the land (Genesis 13:17)
Moses:	led the Exodus from Egypt for 40 years
Joshua:	every place where your foot shall tread (Joshua 1:3; Joshua 6)
Nehemiah:	reconnaissance by night round the ruined city walls (Nehemiah 2:1ff)
Psalms:	walking in the light of God’s presence (Psalm 89:15)
Isaiah:	waiting on the Lord (Isaiah 40:31)
Micah:	we will walk in the name of the Lord (Micah 4:5)
Jesus:	open air prayer (Luke 9:28)
Paul:	in Asia Minor ‘forbidden by the Spirit’ (Acts 16)

PRAISE MARCHES

The same vision by a different application, (2 Chronicles 20:15ff), the boundaries of the enemy were pushed back when God’s people praised Him for His holiness – more proclamation than prayer.

CHURCH HISTORY

Pilgrimages

Beating the Bounds – the practice of walking Anglican parishes on Rogation Days (the 3 days before Ascension Day) to ward off evil spirits and pray for a successful harvest.

PURPOSE OF PRAYER WALKING

Ephesians 6:10ff – a spiritual battle

- Claim ground back for God and change the spiritual atmosphere of an area (Psalm 2:8)
- Gain divine intelligence about an area, to enable more effective and fruitful prayer
 - a) Physical – looking, watching what is around
 - b) Spiritual – listening, words of knowledge, scriptures, pictures, gut feelings, eg occult practices
- Preparation for evangelism and church planting – the principle of breaking up fallow ground for planting the seed of the Gospel and gathering in the harvest
- Breaking strongholds of Satan – using information gained and turning this into effective prayer – rebuking, binding, loosing, (1 Corinthians 10:3-5; Matthew 16:19)
- Tackling historical influences – what has occurred in history has affected areas, and can hinder evangelism – need to research area

WHY PRAYER WALKING

- Being where the needs are
- Seeing what the needs are
- Seeing what God sees
- Listening to what God says

HOW TO PRAYER WALK

Pray in 2's or 3's, out loud, in English or prayer language/tongues, with eyes open

- In the street, for people, households, Christians, schools, estates, event venues
- Outside Government or Civic buildings
- For situations
- Through scriptures, pictures, insight given
- Share with others as you walk – may get different perspectives on an issue/area
- Record any significant insights or issues prayed for
- De-brief afterwards
- Be bold and prophetic

OTHER TYPES OF PRAYER WALKING

- Informal/personal – praying in your own street, place of work, town/city
- Specific/large scale – walking streets of town/city, town boundaries, going from church to church within a specific area, praying at city gates
- Corporate – a defined day for Christians in towns/cities across a nation to join in a corporate act of prayer

Remember: *'The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.'* Samuel Chadwick