

ENGAGING THE BATTLE

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INTRODUCTION

Prayer: not as mere petition but as engaging the battle

KEY POINT: The resurrection of Jesus provides confidence to engage the battle

TEXT: Mark 9:14-29

- **In a broken world, people are looking for something to make a difference**
If they come to the church today, will they find the hope they are looking for? Will they encounter something that will make a tangible difference?
- **Faith prepares the space for transformation to happen**
Creating an atmosphere for something to happen
Need to allow faith to arise in our hearts and in our gathering
BRINGING FAITH TO THE PROBLEM
- **Prayer enables the followers of Jesus to make a difference in a broken world**
Something needed to precede the moment: a battle needed to be won in the secret place before it could be won in the public place

Why pray:

- It addresses the issue with the One who can change anything
- It builds faith in the pray-er
- It sets something powerful in motion
- It allows us to join the struggle

Engaging the Battle

1. **Look Up:** Adjusting our gaze
2. **Line Up:** Aligning our hearts and lives with His kingdom and will
3. **Lift Up:** Bringing our needs before the throne of grace with compassion and fervency
4. **Live Out:** Committing to represent Jesus in practical ways in answer to prayer

RESPONSE: Lord, believe you want to transform a broken world through your grace. Use me as vessel through whom you can transform lives.