

Shooting Arrows

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24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 3 - 9 July 2023

Our focus for this week:

Shooting Arrows Calling forth the children

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IN EVERY GENERATION GOD HAS BEEN FAITHFUL

to bring revival to His people and spiritual awakening to nations. In almost all cases, those movements of the Spirit were most evident among young people. As we look back on the movements in history, we look to the Lord and cry out, "Do it again, Lord!" During this special Week 4, we focus on serious prayer for our children and young people, with specific reference to the heroes of our faith who was called to do extraordinary things for God.

Consider spending this week with family/friends:

- Activate your 24-7 prayer group or start your own group. ([More info](#))
- Invite 3-5 friends to join you on a daily WhatsApp conference call, share the daily story below and let each one pray.
- As parents, gather your family around a table once a day, share the daily story and give each member a chance to pray.

MONDAY: 3 JULY 2023

SPEAK LORD, YOUR SERVANT HEARS

Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears." (1 Samuel 3:10).

Biblical Hero of faith: Samuel

Samuel, dedicated by his mother to the Lord's service from a young age, is known for His obedience to God's voice. He grew up as a prophet before the Lord (1 Samuel 3:19).

Prayer points from Samuel's life

Pray for children to personally encounter God for this is the key to knowing Him intimately. Pray for children to listen for God's voice and to know that He calls them by name (1 Samuel 3:6-7). Like Samuel, pray for young children to respond as he did, with an open and receptive heart willing to obey (1 Samuel 3:10). Earnestly pray for children to hear God's voice and develop a strong prayer life.

Modern-day Hero of faith: A.W. Tozer

Aiden Wilson Tozer gave his life to the Lord at the age of fifteen and was baptised in the Holy Spirit at age nineteen. He said this about his encounter: "I was 19 years old, earnestly in prayer, when I was baptised with a mighty infusion of the Holy Spirit. I know with assurance what God did for me and within me. At that point, nothing on the outside held any important meaning to me. In desperation and in faith I took a leap away from everything that was unimportant, to that which was important, to be possessed by the Spirit of the living God. Any tiny work that God has ever done through me and through my ministry for Him goes back to that hour when I was filled with the Spirit. That is why I plead for the spiritual life of the Body of Christ and the eternal ministries of the eternal Spirit through God's children, His instruments."

Simple prayer: Holy Spirit, baptise the youth with fire!

TUESDAY: 4 JULY 2023

THE LORD WILL DELIVER ME

And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:33,37).

Biblical Hero of faith: David

David encountered God as His Deliverer whilst tending to his father's sheep. He slayed the giant delivering the nation of Israel and later became their king.

Prayer points from David's life

Pray for young people to have personal encounters with God from a young age. Ask the Lord, that like David, they will have a heart that is set on God – quick to repent, exuberant in their praise and worship unto God and obediently following Him with a steadfast, courageous heart.

Modern-day Hero of faith: Billy Graham

Billy Graham got converted at the age of sixteen and received the call of God at the age of nineteen. No other preacher has preached to more people than Billy Graham.

Simple prayer: Lord, let the youth respond to Your calling.

WEDNESDAY: 5 JULY 2023

A TIME AS THIS

For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14).

Biblical Hero of faith: Esther

Esther, a young Jewish girl stood up in the face of terror to defend the Jewish people. They were under fire at the hands of an evil man named Haman. He had pledged to wipe them out, but because of Esther's bravery, his plans were thwarted.

Prayer points from Esther's life

Pray for teenage girls to grow in godliness as they seek God. Like Esther, pray for them to recognise that favour is given for His purpose and to extend His kingdom. Also ask for these young ladies to devote themselves to the Lord so that when their faith is tested, they will be able to rise to the challenge and stand firm. Also pray for young girls to learn the spiritual discipline of fasting and prayer from a young age.

Modern-day Hero of faith: Morris Cerullo

Morris Cerullo accepted the Lord at the age of fourteen and began preaching the Word of God at the age of sixteen after receiving a vision from the Lord in which he saw people suffering torment in hell.

Simple prayer: Lord, we ask for our youth to boldly preach to the unsaved.

THURSDAY: 6 JULY 2023

NIGHT AND DAY DEVOTION

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. (Luke 2:36-37)

Biblical Hero of faith: Anna

After becoming a widow, Anna dedicated herself entirely to the Lord. She never left the temple in Jerusalem but spent her time worshiping, fasting, and praying. Known as a prophetess, she also witnessed the birth of Jesus, the Messiah.

Prayer points from Anna's life

Pray for teenage girls to surrender their lives to Jesus in purity and devotion from a young age. Ask for them to know the will of God and make known the secrets of the kingdom through knowledge of God's Word and prayer.

Modern-day Hero of faith: Charles Spurgeon

Charles Spurgeon was converted at the age of fifteen; he preached his first sermon at the age of nineteen. In his lifetime he had preached to over 10 million people, at times preaching ten times a week in different places.

Simple prayer: Lord, let the youth pursue You fervently!

FRIDAY: 7 JULY 2023

FROM PRISON TO PALACE

There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf. (Genesis 37:7).

Biblical Hero of faith: Joseph

Joseph, favoured by his father and favoured by God, was envied by his brother. Hardships throughout his life shaped him and as a young man, he stood against temptation and persecution. He became a leader of Egypt and provided food for the nations during a time of famine.

Prayer points from Joseph's life

Pray for teenagers to stand in God's strength against sexual temptations and not deny God despite opposition and persecution. Ask that they will be aware of God's presence in unjust and difficult circumstances. Also, like Joseph, show forgiveness and pardon towards those who envy you.

Modern-day Hero of faith: George Whitefield

At the age of 25, George Whitefield created a sensation in England by preaching outdoors and going over the heads of other priests to reach their congregations. In 1740 he preached in America. Newspaper ads announced his sermons; messengers rode ahead to spread the news of his coming appearances. In one year, Whitefield travelled 5,000 miles through America, preaching more than 350 times. In 15 months, as much as a quarter of the country had heard his message.

Simple prayer: Lord of the harvest, send young labourers into Your harvest field.

SATURDAY: 8 JULY 2023

DOING RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT

Josiah was eight years old when he became king... (2 Chronicles 34:1).

Biblical Hero of faith: Josiah

King Josiah sought the Lord of his father, did what was right in the sight of the Lord and purged the nation of its idols. He desired for the nation of Israel to turn from idols and obey the Lord.

Prayer points from Josiah's life

Like King Josiah, pray for teenagers to be courageous and stand out and do what is right in the sight of the Lord. Ask for a prayer life that is rooted in God's Word and assured of God's presence to boldly withstand traditions and customs that are against the knowledge of God. Pray for teenagers, upon the reading of God's Word, will humble themselves before God and tear their hearts in repentance (2 Kings 22:9).

Modern-day Hero of faith: D.L. Moody

In 1858, Dwight Moody began an outreach to young people in Chicago. He started a Sunday school for youth in a vacant tavern which soon grew into a church filled with young believers. This was the launching pad for one of the great ministries of the 1800s.

Simple prayer: Lord, let youth hear about You in the most unlikely places!

SUNDAY: 9 JULY 2023

ABOUT THE FATHER'S BUSINESS

And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49).

Biblical Hero of faith: Jesus

A brief look into a period of Jesus's earthly life as a youth (12), reveals that He was actively pursuing God the Father (Luke 2:49), was teachable (Luke 2:46) and His spiritual growth was noticeable (Luke 2:52).

Prayer points from Jesus' life

Pray for a spiritual hunger after God's Word in the hearts of young people. Also pray for them to meet spiritual leaders who can teach them the pure Word of God. Pray for teenagers to grow in the wisdom of God and the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Modern-day Hero of faith: Evan Roberts

A movement known as the Welsh Revival began in 1904 when Evan Roberts, at the age of 26, said to his college principal, "I keep hearing a voice that tells me I must go home to speak to our young people in my home church." So began a sweeping revival in which 100,000 people were converted in five months throughout Wales.

Simple prayer: Lord, let our young people hear Your voice!
