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A WAKE-UP CALL | *Sameh Maurice*

Focus As believers, we've been given mighty weapons to do God's work on earth. When we use God's weapons of love, prayer and truth, we have 100% success.

Open What country or countries have you always wanted to visit? Why?

Read In Romans 13:11, believers are told to "wake up from [our] slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." The day of Christ's return is approaching and people everywhere need us to rise up and fight for their souls. According to 2 Corinthians 10:4, we have been given mighty weapons to fight with: the power of love and passion, the power of prayer and the power of the truth.

Unconditional love has the power to penetrate and soften the heart. Prayer has the power to open the gates of heaven and enable us to do God's will. The power of truth is being prepared by being filled with the Word of God and ready to proclaim Christ and Him crucified. If we love our enemies unconditionally, we'll touch their hearts. Through prayer, the Holy Spirit touches their spirits, and they become ready to hear the truth.

Talk

1. As you listened to this message, what challenged you or stood out most to you? Why?
2. Why is unconditional love such a powerful weapon of spiritual warfare? Have you ever opened your heart to something or someone you were once closed off to because of their demonstration of love? Briefly describe what happened.

3. Read Matthew 5:44–46. *“If you don’t love your enemy, you don’t have any love.”* ~ Dr. Sameh Maurice. Why would this be true?
4. Read John 14:12–14. Put into your own words what Jesus is saying to praying believers. What kind(s) of prayer is He promising to answer?
5. Moses (Exodus 32:32), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 9:1) and John Knox (the great reformer of Scotland) prayed similar prayers for the people of their nations. (*“Give me Scotland, or I die”* ~ John Knox.) Why is this depth of love and dedication to intercession for people a critical part of the “weapon of prayer”?

Live

1. Take a few minutes to ask the Lord to examine your heart. Think of your country, your community or your “people.” On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being “who cares?” and 10 being “give me _____ or I die,” where would you say you would fall in terms of your intensity of concern and commitment to their salvation? Where would you like to be?
2. Using the “mighty weapons” always begins with unconditionally loving unbelievers and/or our enemies. Ask the Lord to bring one or two people to mind whom He would like you to demonstrate unconditional love to, more purposefully and regularly.

Pray

As a group, pray for your country, your community and/or your “people.” Ask God to fill each of your hearts with His compassion and concern for the lost, coupled by the awareness that the times are short. Pray specifically for the people you felt the Lord bring to your attention, asking Him to fill your hearts with unconditional love for those people and a burden to pray for them.