

## Intercession and Adjutancy

There is an often overlooked connection between the spiritual service and growth of the adjutant, and making intercession. I'm talking about intercession not only for your Bishop or Pastor (that's a no-brainer). I'm referring to intercession for others; for your church administration, leadership and facility, your city and spiritual territory, I'm referring to intercession for your Fellowship or Denomination. Intercession is more than praying on the behalf of, petitioning the Lord to move and show Himself strong; intercession is spiritual warfare. To make intercession references out as to *impinge* (strike or make an impression) by violence, in order to come between and instrumentally affect an end. This speaks to both the warring and strategic natures of intercessory prayer.

In James' general epistle, concerning prayer for healing, both spiritual and physical, he states the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (Jas. 5:15) I propose not only does this prayer avail much for the afflicted, but for the one making intercession as well. What does the adjutant gain by engaging in intercession? The adjutant gains strength and clarity in spiritual sight and becomes more open (available) to hear from and be used of the Lord. By way of intercession, ultimately, spiritual warfare is sharpened.

As a Marine, every year we were required to go to the rifle range and the gas chamber, every year we conducted field exercises where we basically lived in the woods and engaged in combat operations. We trained so that when the fight came, we would be ready and know what to do in the event of a sniper attack, indirect fire, an ambush or a full frontal assault. There is no "practice", per se, in spiritual warfare. The battle ground is the training ground, the more you engage, the more effective you become.

This translates or carry's over, in spiritual service to our leaders. Because of the honing and awareness that intercession produces in us, we become more susceptible to the move of the Spirit. Let's face it, as we serve our leader, we never know what spiritual situation will unfold, especially during deliverance. This is definitely a time where we are to heed Jesus' advice to "be ye also ready". There is no book, no class, no seminar that can effectively prepare us for every spiritual encounter we may face. Intercession opens us up to on the spot training from the Holy Spirit, so that in the moment, we can not only learn but be effective while we learn. Serving as an adjutant employs a vast percentage of OJT.

Be encouraged to continue in prayer and know that your endeavors not only affect those for whom you intercede, but your own spiritual growth as well. Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (and not your own)