

BATTLEGROUND: When You Haven't Got a Prayer

ROMANS 8:26-27

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**When We're Without Words,
The Spirit Guarantees We're Never Without Hope.**

1. Remember that the Spirit **Overcomes** for Us (26a).

2. Celebrate that the Spirit **Intercedes** for Us (26b, 27).

3. Know that the Spirit **Groans** for Us (26b-27).

Romans 8:26-27 (ESV)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is by discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here: www.centralchurch.com/groups

1. This passage suggests that our lack of prayer is not due to a lack of discipline but rather a lack of acknowledging our need for prayer. How does this passage show the weakness of man? What is your main hindrance to prayer? How does this passage help you overcome that hindrance?
2. **Read Matthew 6:8.** If God knows our needs, is fully sovereign, and the Spirit is praying for us, why do we need to pray? What can we learn from the example of prayer within the Godhead?
3. There's much confusion on the "groaning" of the Spirit. What does it mean that the Spirit intercedes "with groaning too deep for words?" How does this help us consider the Spirit's help in trouble?
4. It's a great encouragement to know that the Spirit "fixes our prayers on the way up!" How should this truth encourage us when we don't have the power to pray?

Quote for the Week. . .

by RC Sproul



"Prayer does change things, all kinds of things. But the most important thing it changes is us. As we engage in this communion with God more deeply and come to know the One with whom we are speaking more intimately, that growing knowledge of God reveals to us all the more brilliantly who we are and our need to change in conformity to Him. Prayer Changes us profoundly."

RC Sproul, The Prayer of the Lord.