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The Bridge: Prayer as Spiritual Warfare

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Matthew 6:13, "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

1. God _____, the devil _____
2. Temptation: test of our _____. Trial: test of our _____.
3. When we _____ in prayer we _____ in victory
4. Prayer awakens us to the spiritual battle that is around us
 - ✓ Prayer causes us to give up _____
 - ✓ Prayer causes us to give up _____
 - ✓ Prayer _____ us to _____ temptation

Victory over temptation

- ✓ _____ it
- ✓ _____ it
- ✓ _____ it

In response to Matthew 6:13, Kenneth Bailey once said, "The phrase in the Lord's Prayer expresses the confidence of an earthly pilgrim traveling with a divine guide. God, shape us. God, make us. God, mold us. God, lead us."

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Sermon Talks

1. In what areas of your life is the enemy wearing you down so that you are less than victorious?
2. In what areas of your life do you feel most vulnerable to the enemy's attack?
3. Think back to the story of Bartholomew Roberts, aka Black Bart.
 - Why do you think none of the other ships resisted Black Bart?
 - Are there any parallels from this story to our battle with temptation?
4. Have you had a time in your life where a trial turned into a temptation?
 - Explain what happened?
 - Why do you think temptation came?
 - How did you respond to the temptation? Are you still struggling with it?
5. Read Ephesians 6:11-17.
 - When temptations come our way, how can the weapons found in these verses help us fight through our battles and make a ready defense?
6. Read Exodus 17:8-13 and 2 Kings 6:8-23.
 - What do these two stories say about spiritual warfare?
 - Is there anything that the story in Exodus might teach us that is different than 2 Kings? If so, explain.
7. What are some practical strategies that you can use to avoid, resist, and endure temptation?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 6:13) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?