Trumpet Call Preparation Worksheet 11/01/11

"There's a lot of work going on and we are spread out all along the wall, separated from each other. When you hear the trumpet call, join us there; our God will fight for us."
Nehemiah 4:19-20 Msg

Next week we will have Trumpet Call. This is a time when we take what we have been learning and apply it more deeply to a specific issue in praise and prayer. This is a powerful time based on the above passage in Nehemiah where we come together in agreement asking God to fight for us. Following praise and a brief teaching, each person will have the opportunity to receive private, individual prayer as one of our leaders comes alongside you in petition of our Father regarding an issue where He is at work. You won't want to miss it. To better prepare, please complete the following.

This week pay close attention to the things that "push your buttons" and situations that cause you to overreact. Take note of any feelings of anger, fear, or hopelessness. Also take note of any place where you feel stagnant or are just settling for status quo. Ask the Lord to reveal to you an area He is targeting for growth in faith, belief and trust. (Note: If you have not already used the Tool and Technique "Integrity Gaps", it would be helpful in this process.) Take it to God in prayer using the following prompts from the Apostles' Creed which begins "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth…"

1. "I believe in GOD": God is who He says He is! We want to let God determine how we view our circumstances rather than let our circumstances determine how we view God. What truth of God's character can you stand on that will make a significant impact on your view of your circumstances? Write it here.

2. "I believe in God, the FATHER": How would knowing God as Abba Father – caring, compassionate, Protector, Provider, Authority – impact your circumstances?

3. <u>"I believe in God, the Father ALMIGHTY":</u> How does knowing that ALMIGHTY God is at work in your circumstances impact your thoughts about them?

4. <u>"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH":</u> How does knowing that the Creator of the heavens and the Earth is intervening in your circumstances impact you? How does this truth change your view of your circumstances?

Now, write a prayer to God. Take the truths revealed in the above prompts and declare them into your circumstances. Stand on the solid rock of who He is and His faithfulness and declare, by faith, His work in your area of need. Articulate this prayer back to God. Use it as a tool this week to rehearse the faithfulness of God and to remind yourself Who it is that is at work in your circumstances!

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