

Revive Your War Room With These 5 Practical Battle Tactics

My heart pounded as I stared at the rolling credits to *War Room* on my screen.

My prayer life wasn't bad per se. It just wasn't good.

It wasn't effective.

It wasn't bold enough to scare away a baby demon, much less one brandishing a weapon bent on taking out my family and me!

The next day I woke up, marched out to my living room and declared war.

I grabbed every verse I knew on spiritual warfare and copied them out by hand. I reached for quotes on prayer by great men of God, and gathering my war room supplies, I created a meeting place for God and me.

Grab this 30 day prayer challenge on spiritual warfare today!

But just as with any exciting plan, eventually our hearts return to a normal rhythm and the excitement of the newness wears off.

I have found one of five things have occurred to those of us who have created a war room:

- We find another new, exciting activity to take its place.
- We set it aside and forget about it altogether.
- We keep going, half-hearted and apathetic.
- We enshrine our war rooms or war room journals, and they become the focus instead of prayer, spiritual warfare

and communion with God.

- We take time to revive our war rooms so that our strategies are sharp, our focus is laser-beamed, and our boldness is supernatural.

How to Revive Your War Room

How well do you think our military would function if they were constantly distracted with every new idea that was presented to them, got bored with military life and decided to play video games instead or approached conflict with boredom and apathy. How well would our soldiers function if they enshrined their war rooms by decorating them with pretty maps and famous strategies?

Not very well!

A good general studies his enemy, studies war and studies historical strategies with the purpose of developing a custom-fit strategy for the war he is currently engaged in.

He knows his opponent well, and he anticipates his opponent's every move.

He understands the risk and danger of war, but he also understands the risk and danger of passivity. He won't be passive!

He is engaged.

Sharp.

Attentive.

Concentrated.

He can't be distracted.

5 Ways You Can Revive Your War Room Today

1. Evaluate your greatest battle. You can't fight every battle

right now, just as our military cannot engage in every conflict going on in the world right now. It's just not wise.

You are more likely to win a war when you focus all of your energy, strength and concentration on one battle at a time.

2. Search for Scripture. Jesus fought and defeated His enemy with Scripture. Not reasoning. Not philosophy. Not psychology. Nothing is as powerful as God's Word at defeating the enemy. You have only two weapons in your arsenal, and you need only two: God's Word and prayer.

Take some time and write down every verse that has to do with your greatest battle right now. Read them. Memorize them. Meditate on them until they are your very life blood!

3. Write out prayer strategy. When you are at your weakest moment, what is your plan to stay strong? When the enemy tempts you to pull back and take the easy street, when he tells you your battle isn't as serious as you think it is, that you're over reacting and that you can kick back and relax, what will your strategy be to combat him and his lies?

4. Make a meeting time with God. Some may argue that making an appointment with God is religious; I call it wisdom. You won't "find time" for God, you have to make time. And you make time by setting an appointment.

When do you plan to meet with God everyday? Including Saturdays and vacations. Set a time and stick to it.

5. Get accountable. Find a friend who will keep you accountable. Make it a priority to text or message each other every day and ask if you've kept your appointment with God. You can even take it a step further and ask each other where you've been reading, if you're staying faithful to your battle plan and if you've stumbled lately.

Dear friends, our war room is just a tool to help us maintain

our focus where it should be.

If we look at it as our novelty or hobby, we'll either get bored with it or enshrine it; but if we continue to look at it as a tool to help us keep our prayer life sharp and engaged, we'll find it to be incredibly useful in our daily quiet times. {eoa}

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