

Monday January 18, Day 15 Prayer Intention:

Praying for new strategies in advancing a Kingdom culture in the Bay Area, and that we would hear the sound of the heavenly armies going before us to prepare a way.

Scripture:

²³ So David enquired of the Lord, and He answered, 'Do not go straight up, but circle round behind them and attack them in front of the poplar trees.

²⁴ As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move quickly, because that will mean the Lord has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army.'

2 Samuel 5:23-24

Things we are praying for together:

(you can pray for all of these or choose a few to pray for)

- Give us, Holy Spirit, the ability to hear You going before us to prepare the way to advance Your Kingdom
- That we would be invisible to the enemy's tactics
- A greater measure of wisdom and grace as we walk through this new year
- A greater measure of faith to believe
- A greater measure of discernment to hear the Holy Spirit's voice in this season

Reflection:

Throughout scripture we read about God going before us to prepare a way.

- *"The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you;" Deut. 31:8*
- *"The LORD your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf... Deut. 1:30*

But 2 Samuel 5:23,24 stands out to me because God implements a strategic and detailed attack for King David to follow, and then allows him to hear the sound of the Lord's army marching before him in the treetops.

I wonder how different we would be if we heard the sound of marching going ahead of us. Would we be bolder about our faith? Sadly, and from personal experience, just saying you're "a follower of Jesus" is offensive to most people in this day in age. But if we heard the sound of marching always going before us, would we honestly be concerned with who we are offending?

God has promised us throughout scripture that He has already gone before us and is going before us even now.

God told King David to advance quickly when he heard the sound. Let us be confident that He is ALWAYS marching before us in making new strategic ways in advancing in His Kingdom. We may not ever hear the sounds of the heavenly marches, but we know that He is preparing a personalized and corporate way for Crosswalk and Sunnyvale Christian School to move forward in accomplishing His purposes on the Earth.

Prayer

Father thank you that You are the same God of King David, and that You are a God of strategy. A God that is making ways that seem impossible, possible. Open our ears to hear the sound of Your marching heavenly armies going before us. And even if we cannot hear the angelic armies in the natural realm, we are confident they are in the spiritual realm. God we believe, but help our unbelief in this. Give us a greater measure of faith, knowing You are preparing highways, building bridges, even splitting the waters for us as we move forward changing cultures. Amen