



Episode 025

War Room (Being Prayerful Series)

Introduction

Ps Lai Ling

Hello everyone. Welcome to our podcast on intercession. Today we are very privileged to have Pastor Mayette, who is the Senior Pastor of Oasis Bangkok Church in Thailand. Ps Mayette has been a seasoned prayer warrior and today we're going to glean from her journey in this whole aspect and ministry of intercession.

So Ps Mayette, thank you so much for being with us. We are really thrilled to hear from you. Perhaps if you could share with us how long have you been on this journey of intercession?

Ps Mayette Alkuino

It's more than three decades now.

Ps Lai Ling

Wow, three decades. Amazing! Praise the Lord. So in your experience as a pastor, how has the ministry of intercession and prayer impacted, firstly, your personal life as well as secondly, the life of your church?

Ps Mayette Alkuino

I think personally the intercessory journey that I have really made me to know the heart of God. And the more I walk in this journey, the more that the Lord also cleanses me. Because with intercession, you cannot carry an unclean spirit. That's why personally, I really thank the Lord for this and until such time, we know that I did not consider it anymore as a gift, because it led me to humility and deliverance and healing. I don't think the church would be built without prayer. The church was built in prayer. Every week we would meet the leaders, I would call them, "We should pray." And I think this is my own course.





Ps Lai Ling

Wonderful. That's wonderful. Could you please share with us a testimony of how intercession impacted Oasis Bangkok Church?

Ps Mayette Alkuino

There was a time when the Lord led me to cover the whole church in prayer, and I had to tap people to be with me in this journey of intercession. And I told them to be aware of everything that surrounds us- all the LG's, we must cover families. And there was a time when for children's ministry- they became Ablaze- and there was this season in their life when all of them were attacked, they were bothered. They weren't going the right way. And the Lord led me to pray every night and grow in prayer, fight for them. We thank God for that because now they are ULs. They are LGLs.

Ps Lai Ling

Wow. Praise God.

Ps Mayette Alkuino

We're serving the Lord in prayer, already fighting even if no one is around. Just every time the Lord leads me to pray. I just pray at night and I saw things happen.

Ps Lai Ling

Praise God. Really, God moved as we prayed and interceded and you hear from your heart that as you interceded for the youth, how their lives turned around by the Lord and now they are in leadership. And families who had been having difficult times, how God has turned and healed families and made them whole as well. Wow. So wonderful. That's amazing. Praise God.

Ps Mayette in your experience, what are some ways in which you help rally the people for prayer and intercession? Because I know that in some churches, that's not something that is easily rallied upon.



Ps Mayette Alkuino

I think I really benefited from our core value as HIM, that we are word centered, we are Christ centered, and I just teach that. I teach the people and then when I call them, okay, let us pray. Because they know it is coming from the word. They were able to respond because they are responding to the word, not to me. And I really found it effective if I teach them the word and then have them rally in prayer, people would respond to that. Word and prayer cannot be separated, cannot be separated. And through that, we were able to build a Men's prayer, Wife's prayer, the Single's prayer, even the kids would pray. And then the intercessory group prayer.

Ps Lai Ling

Wow. Praise God. Wow. It's so good to see the whole church of Oasis Bangkok engaged in prayer, even the children, that's fantastic.

Ps Mayette Alkuino

Yes. And because we have this one minute prayer. And the kids would also be a part of it. Online they will send, because I tell the parents it's good that they will start early. When we say family, it should be everyone in the family getting involved. And I thank God for the response of the people, but I think the foundation is always the word of God. Not because I felt something, not because we need to do this. When the word is established and people always will respond to that, it's easy to bring them.

Ps Lai Ling

Especially when God's word begins to impact our lives and we begin to see that this is reality. This is what God's word says. And so people have the conviction to pray as well.

Ps Mayette Alkuino

Yeah, because of the word. And we also launched the 21 days of fasting every March and October. We have seen so many things the Lord has done because people were delivered from too much coffee or too much social media because they have to fast from that during 21 days. And they would testify, "I never thought that I will taste coffee again." And because of that the Lord will always lead me to do something and present it to the people and they'll respond.



But that is after I also soak in it first- so many days in prayer. It's not something that you just lay down, expect people to respond to. You have to also soak in prayer. And when the Lord says it's time then release it. Yes, because it's time.

Ps Lai Ling

It's always starting from us. As an example where as we seek the face of God and then as God promises in the right time and season, it's when he is the one also that rallies the ones with that heart to pray. And Ps Mayette, could you share with us, please, how do you train up your intercessors in what ways or how regular, something like that?

Ps Mayette Alkuino

When I train, it is really training- 12 weeks. And I'll take Pastor Lai Ling's lesson on intercession and I'll modify it according to the needs of the people I am training and they have to really finish the whole 12 weeks to really grasp what intercession is. But every week also, in the past we used to have prayer meetings every week. Then last year, the Lord told me to do it five nights in a month. Not every week, but five nights straight. And in that way also they are trained. They are trained in prayer. We do marathon prayer. We do all the prayers that we could pray.

Ps Lai Ling

This is so encouraging. Especially as I believe that the church is built on the foundation of Christ and prayer and the word it really makes the church healthy and strong as well.

Perhaps you could share with us one or two little tips. How do we keep that oil of intercession flowing? I've had intercessors in the past where they say, "Wow, it's hard work. I don't know how to keep going." But I sense in your heart, three decades of intercession. How did you keep that oil of intercession fresh and strong?

Ps Mayette Alkuino

Personally? Maybe because of the relationship with God. Anything that we do because of our relationship with God is not work. So it should not be a burden. I don't find it a burden. But self-discipline is also important because when the Lord tells you to pray, you cannot say, "Later, Lord, I want to sleep."



If the Lord tells me to pray, I have to pray immediately. And then sensitivity to God, of course. The more you become sensitive, Pastor, I realize the more you get familiar with his voice. And it is him speaking. Develop sensitivity in your heart, and there will always be freshness every time the Lord speaks, because it brings freshness. And lastly is compassion for people. Because how can you pray if there's no compassion, it'll just be a burden. 'Oh, I will pray again? The same person again? The same family again? Something like that, right?'

But if you know the heart of God for these people, you will not get impatient. And another thing to keep the oil of intercession precious is worship. When you are always watered, the presence of God, the spirit or the oil of intercession is always there because you are so close to God. So when the Lord speaks, it's easy to just respond, "Oh, I need to pray."

So I think if we have this practice in worship, sensitivity to his voice and most of all love for people. Because that's the reason why the Lord would use us, because of his love for people. And I think if we always have that kind of heart for the oil of freshness for the Lord.

Ps Lai Ling

So good. Thank you so much for sharing because it really encourages me, and I'm sure it will encourage many of you who are listening to this podcast. How do we have that joy of intercession taking place in our lives? Remember one of the key things that Ps Mayette mentioned just a moment ago is that relationship with God is key and that place of worship and that the heart of compassion for people and even that disciplined sensitivity to God's voice, that all sums it up well, so important to keep the oil of intercession going. Thank you so much for sharing with us.

Ps Mayette Alkuino

I'd like to personally thank you for all the lessons you're gathering because we benefit from that. And it's not hard to gather lessons that are already screened because it's already there. So thank you pastor.

Ps Lai Ling

Praise God. Thank you so much for being with us today. God bless you and everyone. May you be blessed through this podcast on intercession. Thank you.



Discussion Questions

These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

1. What are some ways you could use to help rally people in your life group or church to pray, as gleaned from Ps Mayette's sharing?
2. In what way is God encouraging you to be more fervent in prayer, and what is one small step you could take to grow in your personal prayer life?





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