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mental or moral strength to venture, persevere,
and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty

“He wanted to repent for his sins, and so that’s what we did. He was pretty distraught,” said the local pastor. The Pastor said he picked up the distraught shooter late Tuesday night on the South Side. After a prayer session, the two dined on burgers at a fast-food joint. Then, around 1 a.m., they drove to the Chicago Police station, where the shooter turned himself in to detectives. The shooter asked, “Does God forgive you when you do things that are accidents and someone gets hurt?” The Pastor said, “I told him, ‘Absolutely.’”

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Exodus 17:8-13

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COURAGEOUS PRAYER

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We have to Pray to Fight,
and Fight to Pray.

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PRAY WITH PERSPECTIVE:

Take the Hill

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Exodus 17: 8-10

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RETREAT FROM THE BATTLE

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We are not retreating--we are
advancing in another direction.

Douglas MacArthur

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I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Revelation 19:11-17

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And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small." Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Revelation 19:18-21

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PRAY WITH PERSPIRATION:

Feel the Burn

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Exodus 17:11-12

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You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For, "In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay." And, "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

Hebrews 10:36-39

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Monday, June 14. Felt something of the sweetness of communion with God, and the constraining force of his love: how admirably it captivates the soul, and makes all the desires and affections to center in God! I set apart this day for secret fasting and prayer, to entreat God to direct and bless me with regard to the great work I have in view, of preaching the gospel; and that the Lord would return to me, and show me the light of his countenance. Had little life and power in the forenoon: near the middle of the afternoon, God enabled me to wrestle ardently in intercession for absent friends: but just at night, the Lord visited me marvelously in prayer: I think my soul never was in such agony before. I felt no restraint; for the treasures of divine grace were opened to me. I wrestled for absent friends, for ingathering of souls, for multitudes of poor souls, in many distant places. I was in such agony, from sun half an hour high, till near dark, that I was all over wet with sweat; but yet it seemed to me that I had wasted away the day, and had done nothing. Oh my dear Jesus did sweat blood for poor souls! I longed for more compassion towards them. Felt still in a sweet frame, under a sense of divine love and grace; and went to bed in such a frame, with my heart set on God.

David Brainerd

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PRAY WITH PEOPLE: Find your Battle Buddies

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Exodus 17:13

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"I am persuaded, Brethren, that we are losing much of blessing which might come upon the Church through our negligence in private supplications. I cannot pry into your prayer closets, but I believe that in the conscience of many of you there will be an affirmative voice to the charge I lay against some of you—you have restrained prayer before God. Your restraining of prayer, if you seek to serve God, is binding your own hands and cutting the sinews of your strength! As you could not expect to be vigorous if you denied yourselves food, so neither can you hope to be strong if you deny yourselves prayer. Get close to God, for strength flows out of Him. Keep at a distance from Him and you lose all power and become weak as water."

-Charles Spurgeon

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