

KINGDOM PERSPECTIVES



How things fit together in the Kingdom

What Really is a "War Room"?

According to many, many Christians, the 'war room' is your "prayer closet"ⁱ or where you pray in your "private room"ⁱⁱ. This idea came from the movie by the same name.¹ The movie's blurb states:

*"Elizabeth Jordan (Priscilla C. Shirer) feels like her husband Tony (T.C. Stalling) is slowly slipping away from her, going away on business trips and no longer communicating with her or their daughter. While on her job as a realtor, Elizabeth visits the house of the elderly Miss Clara (Karen Abercrombie) who, sensing something wrong within Elizabeth's life, teaches her the art of prayer. Miss Clara shows Elizabeth into a small closet she calls her War Room where she writes down all her prayers and sticks them to the walls. As Elizabeth begins to pray for her husband and her marriage miraculous things start to happen. Could this really be the power of God'... "*²

So, is that what a "war room" really is?

What is it?

Here's the definition of that entity:

"A room in a military headquarters to which the current status of military operations is reported from the field, and the situation is evaluated, as by use of maps showing the locations of all relevant military units, both friendly and hostile. The room may also be used to plan tactics or strategy.

*A room at the center of operations of an organization, such as a large business enterprise, where the status of operations may be discussed, or plans made, and often containing special equipment, such as charts, maps, or computers, to assist such functions."*³

Notice that a war room is a place of planning tactics, strategizing and discussion. It is not a place where entreaties are made or a battle is fought. Instead, the proper place for requests to be made for intervention is in the political arena or at HQ. War is carried out on the battlefield. Obviously the use of the expression 'war room' in the movie is a misnomer.

From a Kingdom perspective, what is a 'war room'? After all, we're in a spiritual war and there must be a war room for battles to be handled.

Spiritual Military Realities

Here's the thing: The war room involves the 'top brass', not foot soldiers and privates. So, how does that take place in our spiritual war?

The 'top brass' in the Kingdom are: The King (Jesus); The Commander of the Armies of Heavenⁱⁱⁱ (Jesus); apostles (not The Apostles); prophets (not OT prophets); and the essential communication system (Holy Spirit).

- Jesus has 2 roles. He's the King of Kings over all things,^{iv} and the commander ('4-star general') of Heaven's army which has its own military officers of lower rank.

1 – "War Room" (2016) www.amazon.com.au/War-Room-Alex-Kendrick/dp/B01DRYRNWI [DVD]

2 – "War Room" (2016) www.amazon.com.au/War-Room-Alex-Kendrick/dp/B01DRYRNWI [DVD]

3 – www.wordnik.com/words/war%20room

- The apostles are those with an apostolic mantle who have been set in place by Heaven. They are not the 12 Apostles ruling from Heaven. They are not self-proclaimed apostles or those installed by the church hierarchy. These are generals who have been given to the *ekklesia* as a gift from the King.^v
- The prophets are not OT prophets ruling in Heaven. They are not self-proclaimed prophets or those installed by the church hierarchy. These are advisers and oracles who have been given to the *ekklesia* as a gift from the King.^{vi}
- Holy Spirit is the communication conduit who allows the members to ‘talk’ to each other Spirit-to-spirit.

IMPORTANT: You’ll notice that pastors^{vii} and clergy aren’t included in the ‘top brass’. They have no relevancy because they’ve been installed by a system created by people which was never formally recognised by Heaven as part of the Kingdom.

When the ‘top brass’ get together, they form the ‘war room’ for a nation, a city or an *ekklesia*. This type of war room isn’t so much about discussion and working out plans, but more about the passing on of tactics from the King to the apostles so his plans can be carried out. Apostles and prophets are different to the other 3 ascension gifts,^{viii} because their focus is on Heaven, not people. Apostles receive blueprints from Heaven and the prophets receive information, updates, wisdom, tactics, etc. All these are vital to supply what’s needed for every battle in the war with the Kingdom of Darkness.

However, when it comes to individuals, such as you and me, there’s a different Kingdom war room that comes into play. In this case, the ‘top brass’ are: The King (Jesus); The Commander of the Armies of Heaven^{ix} (Jesus); yourself (vassal king); and the essential communication conduit (Holy Spirit).

- Jesus has the same roles.
- You are a king⁴, who, as a son of God, has the responsibility to rule over your life and personal kingdom. You have responsibilities given to you automatically when you were spiritually reborn,^x and no one has the right to usurp those responsibilities. No one can do them for you, either. Your kingdom includes overseeing your family as a father and husband, overseeing your children as a wife and mother, overseeing your joint property, and overseeing your personal possessions. *(There are other components of your kingdom, but this is not the time to cover those.)*

Personally, you operate apostolically and prophetically when you hear from Heaven and receive instructions for yourself and what you are in charge of. This is the personal version of the role of apostles and prophets in community where plural eldership^{xi} guides the *ekklesia*.

Your role is to hear from the King, via Holy Spirit, so you can implement the tactics he has for you in every battle. That means you are partnering with him in the war, just as a Capitan follows the orders of the Colonel in Australia’s military to see the plans of the General succeed. That partnership includes authority, just like the military has. That means you have authority, as a son and a king, to take charge the way you are shown by Holy Spirit.

That means that spiritual warfare is not about you doing what you think you should do in a spiritual battle, but what the commanding officer (CO) wants done. Our CO is King Jesus. He’s the only person who has perfect knowledge of what the enemy is doing, so he can give the best advice for what you need to do – it’ll never be your decision.

For you to succeed in a battle, then, you need to hear from the King by receiving what the Spirit says all of the time, day-in-day-out. If the communication lines are ‘cut off’ in a battle, you can’t follow the King’s orders. Chaos follows and battles are usually lost in such cases.

In a war on Earth, advice is sought from a commanding officer because the soldier is there to service the

4 – SEE: “Our Kingship” webpage canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=27384

military system. Therefore, soldiers don't ask for the CO to do what they want, they follow commands. Only on a very tiny percentage of times will a soldier ask a CO to do something for them in regards to fighting in a battle.

Do you see the picture yet?

The Kingdom Way

The Kingdom works almost identically to Australia's military, but in spiritual battles. That means:

- Our CO (King Jesus) gives us orders via Holy Spirit in every battle situation.
- We have the authority to act, not to be passive.
- When we act the way Holy Spirit tells us, we have Heaven's backing.
- We also have training to know what to do in a battle without being told.
- Our training comes from Holy Spirit's teaching about our authority in the spirit realm.
- We don't beg our CO to do anything for us because he said he'd meet all our needs if we focus on him and his Kingdom.
- We don't try to twist his arm to do what we want, we follow his orders.

The main battles and skirmishes occur outside of the war room, every day, all day. The war room is the preparation for the day, not for the battle. Instead, battles are won at the front line where the soldiers engage with the enemy in face-to-face combat. That's where the orders, the training, experience and skills are put into action. The battles don't take place in the camp where officers and privates talk and interact.

We are told to put on the armour that Father supplies so we can stand against the enemy.^{xii} Standing our ground and not 'budging an inch' is our primary military strategy. Along with that, is the soldierly mindset of perseverance and being watchful,^{xiii} two important military tactics we can't fail to use.

In regard to our armour, all of those listed are defensive, except "the sword of the Spirit"^{xiv}. This weapon is the word of God. It's not the Bible, it's the word our OC has spoken to us in the war room in the form of tactics and plans to deal with the enemy in the battles of the day. This is an offensive weapon because it gives us his mind today on how the enemy will be defeated in all the areas he works against us. It's not yesterday's message which you'll get when you read the Bible. Battles need up-to-date intelligence on the enemy's plans so responses can be made in the battles. We get this in our war room from our Commander-in-Chief as he knows everything, including the enemy's plans. Why get military tactics for the day from anywhere else?

It's important to note that prayer is not listed in the spiritual armoury^{xv} that we have. It should never be seen as our main offensive weapon. In fact it's a cowards weapon. In a war the soldier fights to the death, relying on their training and orders. They don't rely on the officers to fight for them. Instead, officers lead and fight with them. The soldier is responsible to fight using the weapons they are given. Cowards use others to fight for them. They are derelict in their duty and are disciplined or 'drummed out' of the military.

We do have powerful weapons,^{xvi} but more importantly, we are powerful. Don't believe you are powerful as a son of the Most High God? Listen to what Father has to say about it in this extract from a prophetic word:

*"It's time to be the best version of you that you can be...It's time to stop wondering why I'm not providing things that I've given you the power to go after yourself. It's time to laugh more, to stop making excuses, to **stop looking at your situation as if it's hopeless**. It's time to take steps, no matter how small, toward your dreams. **I have made you powerful!**"*

*I want you to take charge of your life, with me as your Leader. I want you to find balance in your life and seek me for wisdom on how to manage your life... You are not a victim. You are a perfect package of unlimited power and glory! I am on your side. Step past every limitation and realize how powerful you are!"*⁵

Our power is in our sonship⁶. Until we realize who we really are, we won't make progress towards military success in the spiritual battles we are in. (*More on that another time.*)

The only prayer that is connected with our warfare is "praying in the spirit"^{xvii}. This is allowing your spirit to pray instead of your mind and your soul. It's also known by those who practise it as "praying in tongues", something Paul was proficient at.^{xviii} This is not intercession (although it sometimes is). It's your spirit working through your authority as a son and heir, to bring about changes in the spirit realm.

Here's News

Did you know we don't need a war room? Yes, the New Testament (NT) doesn't give us a screed on war rooms. Jesus never used a war room. The reason for the absence of this information in the Bible is that we're meant to be in 24/7 spirit-to-Spirit communication with our King. Our spirit should be listening for his directions throughout the day so he can instruct us, just like battlefield communications pass messages from HQ to the front line. Our communication isn't supposed to be a "royal telephone"⁷ that we use to ring Jesus when we're in trouble. We should be prepared for trouble all the time because we are alerted by Heaven before things happen around us, every minute of the day.

See the difference between praying during spiritual warfare sessions and functioning as a warrior of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth?

Important

You won't understand that you are a king under the supreme rulership of King Jesus if you subscribe to Futurist Eschatology. That theology puts your kingship in the so-called Millennial Reign after Jesus returns. If you adhere to that belief, instead of the Preterist⁸ view of scripture, then you'll miss out on your rightful role as a king right now. That then precludes you from participating in the war room as one of the 'top brass'. The consequence of that is that you won't exercise the full authority that is yours and you'll submit passively to the attacks of the enemy. Either that, or you'll beg 'God'⁹ for assistance in dealing with what you actually have full control over.

You're not just another person alive on the planet. You're a new creature,^{xix} new species, one who has an added spiritual dimension from the DNA of Heaven. You're a cherished, special son of Father, working as his representative in the affairs of Earth. You're royalty^{xx} in the most powerful royal family in existence.

That understanding is essential to be able to be a spiritual warrior like Jesus was when he walked the Earth.

That means, you're not at the mercy of circumstances and evil, totally vulnerable. All the forces of Heaven are on your side and available to support you. That support comes from partnering with the Trinity, not doing your own thing and wanting them to get you 'out of trouble'. It will come easily when you align your heart, mind and will with the King. When you allow him to oversee your life and you trust

5 – Brian Simmons (26-7-2021) "I Hear His Whisper..." [distributed e-newsletter] mailchi.mp/broadstreetpublishing/00000-618390?e=3ca23beeed OR us10.campaign-archive.com/?u=8c3eb957a5ad87253d475a511&id=23002c39e7

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8 – SEE: fullpreterism.com

9 – 'God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name out of relationship.

him to do it, things fall into place. When you rely on him to meet all your needs, he'll do it – not just when you allow him to.

Can you see a very important reason why you need to grow and mature as a son so you can operate properly in the Kingdom?

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