

# Women of the Word - Volume 2

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# PRAYING FOR MY PRODIGAL CHILD

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## Study 3: KNOW AND PRAY THE WORD OF GOD

- **Jesus quoted the Word of God** when satan tempted Him. He is our model (*Luke 4:1-14 '...it is written...'*)
- Know **what the Word of God says about our enemy**. *1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith..."* . *2 Corinthians 10:4-5 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.."*. Our child is not the enemy. The real enemy is the enemy of their soul, the devil. The **battle is not against our child**.
- The **battle is spiritual**. *Ephesians 6:11-13 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."* **Watch out for the strategies** of the devil to destroy your confidence and faith in God, to prevent your child hearing the gospel clearly, to wear you out so you give up hope...anything that will get your **eyes away from Jesus!**
- **Use the weapons that the Word of God teaches:** the blood of Jesus (*1 Peter 1:18-21, Exodus 12:23, Revelation 12:11*), binding and loosing (*Mark 3:27, Matthew 16:19, Luke 11:21,22*), the Name of Jesus (*Luke 10:19, Philippians 2:10*), prayers of agreement (*Matthew 18:19,20*), fasting (*Isaiah 58:6*), praise (*Psalms 149:6-8, 2 Chronicles 20:14-22*), praying the Word of God....
- **Pray the Word of God** – ask the Lord for specific promises to use in prayer for your child. The Word of God is a sharp sword. See the section below on '**scriptures to pray for my children**'.