

*And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:8 NLV*

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First Love Ministries, Inc.

PRAYER STUDY # 38

### SPIRITUAL MAPPING

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [of human devising] but mighty through God to the pulling down [demolishing] of strongholds [fortresses]. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:4*

Spiritual Mapping is a 1980's term. The intercessors study the geographical region they are praying over in terms of history, political and religious events, recurring spiritual problems, the evidence of cults and occultic groups, etc., in order to help determine the entry points for demonic strongholds in the region.

When the intercessors map an area and find out what has been going on that would allow the enemy to come in and produce evil fruit, they go into the region and stand in the gap, repenting for these open doors and pleading the blood of Jesus over the area. They invite the Holy Spirit to cleanse the area and rule and reign in this area.

Prayer walks are closely associated with spiritual mapping. The prayer walker walks through the neighborhood praying over every house and any situation that seems relevant to the spiritual climate of the neighborhood. We always caution to stay off people's property and to travel in pairs. There is great power in the prayer of agreement, and Jesus sent His own disciples out two by two.

This prayer study is more about doing than hearing. For those who feel led-and we never put pressure on anyone to go into the battlefield unless they feel a leading of the Holy Spirit and desire to fight the fight of faith on the streets-we invite you to spend this time walking the neighborhood or praying in a central location for those who do go out and for the area.

There are those who caution us against praying against the Principality that is over this area. They say that these Demonic Princes are outside our league and only the angels do warfare against them. They say that there is a price to pay when we get out from under the authority that the Lord has given us. Yet Paul did indicate in Ephesians 6:12 that we were to wrestle or pull to the ground these things in prayer. Principalities cannot be cast out but can have their power greatly diminished when we pray against them. Again you should never tackle these assignments except in a corporate way for there is strength in numbers, and as the word says, "if one can put a thousand to flight, two can put 10,000!"