

## **One Scripture Preaching Outline - Homiletics - One Scripture**

Read the Ephesians prayer out loud to the people – read the entire prayer out loud. (Ephesians 1:17–23.)

Tell the people that when we pray this prayer today we are guaranteed that everyone will hear from God.

Pick one scripture out of the Ephesians prayer.

Tell the people why you chose that scripture out of the Ephesians prayer.

Give an illustration of that scripture. Your illustration can be either from the WORD OF GOD or from AN EXAMPLE IN LIFE.

Summation

## ILLUSTRATION EXAMPLES - Scriptural or Real Life

### 1. Illustration from the Word of God Format

#### Format:

Read entire Ephesians Prayer Out Loud (Ephesians 1:17-23)

I have chosen Ephesians 1:21 out of the Ephesians prayer to share on.

Read the scripture out loud that you chose out of the Ephesians prayer that stood out to you.

Ephesians 1:21.....“far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”

Tell why you chose the scripture out of the Ephesians prayer.

I chose it because it shows that when we pray the Ephesians prayer God moves in such a way that no principality, no power, no political person, no law, no devil, and Satan himself cannot stop the will of God when we pray the Ephesians prayer.

#### Illustration from the Word of God

##### **Joshua 6: 2-4, 20**

Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. **3** March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. **4** Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. **5** When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

**20** When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

#### Give summation:

It’s so exciting - we can see from this illustration that God is able to move where the devil says it’s impossible. An impenetrable wall - leaders that withstood God - and a city that refused to yield - were all affected and invaded by the mighty power of our God! In this day - when we pray the Ephesians prayer - God makes a way for His power, presence and people to invade cities with the good news of the gospel!!  
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## **2.Illustration from Real Life Format**

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### **ILLUSTRATION FROM REAL LIFE**

When we were at Rhema Prayer School I noticed that my leaders continually let us in prayer for the communist nations. Over and over and over again we prayed for Russia and those nations behind the wall. We would pray for other things – but then again we would keep coming back to this block of nations. I begin to be irritated because there are other nations in the world to that I felt needed prayer. However, I was never one to pray the word of God at the beginning of my prayer time. At Rhema, we were forced to pretty Ephesians prayer at the beginning of our prayer sessions. By putting the Ephesians Prayer at the helm of our prayer time we were letting God decide what we were to pray for that day. Our leaders would have revelation to pray for those communist nations over and over again. In between my first and second year at Rhema - the Berlin wall came down and the gospel went rushing in. This was a beautiful example to me that if we will pray the Ephesians prayer – God will give us revelation of how to pray – his gospel then is able to go in anywhere in every way he chooses – despite what principalities and powers might say. Yes in accordance with Ephesians 1: 21 - He is far above principalities and powers mites and dominions and when we pray the Ephesians prayer – so are we!

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NO MORE THAN ONE SCRIPTURE IS TO BE THE FOCUS UNLESS YOU ARE USING AN ILLUSTRATION FROM THE SCRIPTURES. YOUR FOCUS IS READING THE ENTIRE EPHESIANS PRAYER AND THEN CHOOSING ONE SCRIPTURE FROM THAT OUTLINE TO FOCUS ON. ONLY WHEN USING THE SCRIPTURAL ILLUSTRATION OUTLINE DO YOU HAVE THEM TURN TO THAT PASSAGE. EVEN WITH THAT - KEEP IT BRIEF.

You will more than likely find yourself quoting other scriptures and you may even write other scriptures down while you are studying - but these scriptures are to be quoted BUT NOT TURNED TO IN THE BIBLE TO BY THE PEOPLE. EVERY TIME YOU ADD ANOTHER SCRIPTURE YOU BROADEN WHAT YOU ARE SAYING. MORE POTENTIAL FOR TANGENTS ARE HERE ALSO. KEEP THE OUTLINE CONCISE AND STAY WITH THE FORMAT - YOU WILL FIND THAT IT WILL HELP YOU AND THE PEOPLE TO HEAD INTO PRAYER FOCUSED AND EMPOWERED - SINGLE IN VISION AND PURPOSE.

An illustration from the word of God is the ONLY TIME you have them turn to another scripture in your outline! No more scriptures other than the Ephesians prayer at the beginning and your scriptural illustration scripture.

If you choose an illustration from real life then you do not use another scripture. You do not want people turning to a bunch of scriptures. You want to stay focused - on topic – and concentrated on a minimal number of scriptures.

Again, your allowance for the number of scriptures to be used is really only two. You will read the Ephesians prayer out loud - yet only isolate one scripture out of that prayer to preach on. THEN THE ONLY OTHER TIME YOU WOULD USE ANOTHER SCRIPTURE IS IF YOUR ILLUSTRATION IS TAKEN FROM THE WORD OF GOD.

IF YOU USE AN ILLUSTRATION FROM REAL LIFE THEN NO MORE SCRIPTURE IS USED. You isolate one scripture out of the Ephesians prayer to preach on. Then the only other scripture you would use is if you use a scriptural illustration from the word of God. If you use an illustration from real life then no more scripture is used.

