



**Series:**  
**IMPROVISE**  
**ADAPT**  
**OVERCOME**  
**- Pastor Alton Trimble**

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## PRAYER CONFERENCE TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 7pm

Call our conference line at

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**\*\*Please mute your phone once you are on the conference line\*\***

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*"Whatever things you ask when you pray,  
believe that you receive them,  
and you will have them."*

MARK 11:24 (NKJV)

# CORPORATE PRAYER

Tuesdays  
**12 - 1pm & 7 - 8pm**

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**GCFI Office will be closed  
Thursday, August 29th  
& Friday, August 30th**

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# **Before You Say 'I do'**

8 WEEK SERIES

Begins Sunday

**Sept 8**

at 9am





GCFI's Children's Ministry  
Invites Fathers & Daughters  
to the

# Me & My Girl



# LUAAU



**Saturday, Sept 14th**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**



**225 West Torrance Blvd. Carson, CA 90745 (Teen Center)**

**Tickets are on sale now in the bookstore!**

**\$35 per pair - \$10 per additional child**

**Deadline to purchase tickets is 9/4/19. No tickets will be sold at the door.**

*Enjoy dinner, photos, and create memories that will last a lifetime!*

*Girls ages 4-13 are invited to bring dad, grandpa,  
uncle or father figure*





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Sunday, August 25, 2019**

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**Foundation Scripture: I Samuel 25:1-44 (NLT)**

**I. IMPROVISE:**

**Keys to Effective Improvisation**

- 1. You must have the right perspective in the crisis.**
- 2. Find your joy; find your strength.**
- 3. Know that this too shall pass.**
- 4. Outlast your tears.**

**Psalms 30:5 (NLT)**

*<sup>5</sup>For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

**Revelation 21:4 (NLT)**

*<sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”*

**1 Peter 5:10 (NLT)**

*<sup>10</sup>In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.*

- 5. Let the peace of God keep you.**

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)**

*<sup>6</sup>Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup>Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*

**Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)**

*<sup>3</sup>You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*

- 6. Know that you are not alone.**

**Isaiah 43:2 (NLT)**

*<sup>2</sup>When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.*

Genesis 28:15-16 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> *What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you.* <sup>16</sup> *Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it!"*

Deuteronomy 31:6-8 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> *So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.* <sup>7</sup> *Then Moses called for Joshua, and as all Israel watched, he said to him, "Be strong and courageous! For you will lead these people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors he would give them. You are the one who will divide it among them as their grants of land.* <sup>8</sup> *Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."*

**7. See what is not apparent.**

II Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> *For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!* <sup>18</sup> *So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.*

II Corinthians 3:16-18 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> *Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.* <sup>17</sup> *Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.* <sup>18</sup> *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

II Kings 6:17 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> *Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" The LORD opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.*

**II. ADAPT/DETERMINED TO WIN NO MATTER THE COST**

**1. Get determined to win no matter what the cost in the midst of the crisis.**

- a. Exchange good insight with God's insight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup> *Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.* <sup>6</sup> *Seek His will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*

Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)

*For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.*

- b. Develop a winner's diet.

Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> *For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

Psalms 37:23-24 (NLT)

<sup>23</sup> *The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.*

<sup>24</sup> *Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand.*

Psalms 55:22 (NLT)

*Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.*

Colossians 3:15 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> *And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.*

- c. Don't assess yourself or others by who you or they were but by who you or they have become.

1 Samuel 25:23 (NLT)

<sup>23</sup> *When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed low before him.*

1 Samuel 25:32 (NLT)

<sup>32</sup> *David replied to Abigail, "Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you to meet me today!"*

- d. I must embrace who I am in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

Romans 8:1 (NLT)

*So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.*

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)

*<sup>9</sup> But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

*<sup>16</sup> So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

Colossians 3:3 (NLT)

*<sup>3</sup> For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.*

Ephesians 3:12 (NLT)

*Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.*

**2. Deal expeditiously with the crisis.**

I Samuel 25:18a (NLT)

*<sup>18</sup> Abigail wasted no time.*

- a. Prepare yourself so that you don't become a part of the problem.

I Samuel 25:17 (NLT)

*<sup>17</sup> You need to know this and figure out what to do, for there is going to be trouble for our master and his whole family. He's so ill-tempered that no one can even talk to him!"*

- b. Determine what is needed to deal with the new requirements.

I Samuel 25:18 (NLT)

*<sup>18</sup> Abigail wasted no time. She quickly gathered 200 loaves of bread, two wineskins full of wine, five sheep that had been slaughtered, nearly a bushel of roasted grain, 100 clusters of raisins, and 200 fig cakes.*

- c. Enlist the assistance of key people where needed and provide them with needed instruction.

I Samuel 25:19 (NLT)

*She packed them on donkeys and said to her servants, "Go on ahead. I will follow you shortly." But she didn't tell her husband Nabal what she was doing.*

- d. Operate on the need to know basis with others.

I Samuel 25:19 (NLT)

*She packed them on donkeys and said to her servants, "Go on ahead. I will follow you shortly."  
But she didn't tell her husband Nabal what she was doing.*

**3. You've got to face your challenge to fix it.**

I Samuel 25:20 (NLT)

*<sup>20</sup>As she was riding her donkey into a mountain ravine, she saw David and his men coming toward her.*

- a. You walk by faith and not by sight.

II Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

*<sup>7</sup>For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

- b. See what is not apparent.

II Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)

*<sup>18</sup>So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.*

- c. Humility is the way to favor.

I Samuel 25:23 (NLT)

*<sup>23</sup>When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed low before him.*

James 4:6b (NLT)

*<sup>6b</sup>As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but favors the humble."*

Proverbs 3:34 (NLT)

*<sup>34</sup>The LORD mocks the mockers but is gracious to the humble.*

I Samuel 25:23 (NLT)

*<sup>23</sup>When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed low before him.*

- d. Ask yourself these questions:

1. What's the origin of my thoughts?
2. Has God ever failed me?
3. Did God promise to meet my needs?
4. Did God give me the Holy spirit to enable me?

5. Is God with me right now?
6. Is anything too hard for God?
7. Where should my focus be?

**4. Lead, take charge and accept responsibility.**

1 Samuel 25:24b (NLT)

<sup>24</sup> *She fell at his feet and said, "I accept all blame in this matter, my lord. Please listen to what I have to say.*

Galatians 6:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> *For each one should carry their own load.*

- a. You've got to acknowledge your failures to own your success.

1 Timothy 1:15 (NKJV)

*This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.*

- b. Have a divinely inspired word your problems cannot resist.

1 Samuel 25:25-31 (NLT)

Jeremiah 5:14 (NIV)

*Therefore this is what the LORD God Almighty says: "Because the people have spoken these words, I will make my words in your mouth a fire and these people the wood it consumes.*

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

- c. Watch your enemies praise God for you.

1 Samuel 25:32 (NLT)

<sup>32</sup> *David replied to Abigail, "Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you to meet me today!*

Psalms 126:6 (NLT)

*They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.*