

# COMMUNICATION

## I. Communication

- A. Definition - the connection between front line troops and the support base by which an army is equipped with the food, ammunition and support necessary to continue fighting
- B. Called a supply line
- C. In conflict supplies are constantly being consumed and must be replenished
- D. A fighting force cannot move forward farther than it can maintain those supply lines
  - 1. Illustration: Napoleon's defeat in Russia

## II. Every Christian Is on the Front Lines

- A. There is a danger of regarding the "mission fields" as the front line and the American church as the "home base"
- B. The powers of darkness are just as real in this country as any other
- C. We have just as much of a need to maintain a supply line as any other Christian

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

~ II Timothy 3:16-17

*Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.*

~ I Peter 2:1-3

### **III. Our Support Base Is God Himself and the Supply Line Is Fellowship with God**

#### **A. Fellowship in the Word**

1. **God is active in His Word**
  
2. The revelation of God in His Word is the food on which faith is nourished
  - a. The battle is in the mind and the issue is faith
  
  - b. We need a constant touch with the Word to maintain our faith
  
3. Supply from the Word
  - a. This is the sword we use (Ephesians 6:17)
  
  - b. This is the nourishment needed (I Peter 2:1-3)
  
  - c. This is the resource for strengthening the others in the fight (Ephesians 4:15; Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16)

**B. Fellowship in prayer****1. Lord's prayer as a building/conflict prayer****a. Note the message of Matthew 6:7-8**

(1) Do not pray like an unbeliever - disconnected from the love of God

(2) Reason - your Father knows what you need

(a) Knows by concern

(b) Implied - will supply

**b. The Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:9-10**

(1) Since God is taking care of you it is safe to launch into the great work of seeing God's kingdom come

(2) Pray for God to be glorified

(3) Pray for the kingdom of God to come

(4) Pray for the will of God to be done

*And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.*

~ Matthew 6:7-8

*Pray, then, in this way:  
'Our Father who is in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
'Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.*

~ Matthew 6:9-10

*'Give us this day our daily bread.  
'And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
'And do not lead us into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*[For Yours is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory forever. Amen.]*

*For if you forgive others for their  
transgressions, your heavenly Father  
will also forgive you. But if you do not  
forgive others, then your Father will not  
forgive your transgressions .*

*~ Matthew 6:11-15*

c. Prayer for provision Matthew 6:11-15

(1) Provision necessary to live for the coming of the kingdom

(2) Three daily needs

(a) Provision of all supply

(b) Provision of forgiveness

i) In my experience

ii) In my forgiving spirit

(c) Provision for deliverance from the evil one