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Episode 203
A Battle is Raging: Moms in Prayer

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Chandalee

Oh. Welcome back to the podcast this week and next Jenn and I are talking with Sally and Patti from Moms in Prayer about Elohim, specifically knowing God through prayer. This is one of our favorite conversations so far. It's so convicting, yet so encouraging. Moms in Prayer is a worldwide ministry that impacts children in schools for Christ by gathering moms to pray.

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Chandalee

And if you think this isn't for you because you don't have little ones at home, think again. The women gathering might have little ones at home, but they could be praying for their grandchildren or maybe their nieces and nephews. They might even be praying for their neighbors, children and the children in the community as a whole. We're glad you're here.

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Chandalee

Enjoy this conversation. Welcome to the podcast today. Jenn and I are welcoming Sally and Patti for moms and prayer to the podcast, and we would like you guys to get to know them a little bit better. And the mission of moms in prayer. Welcome, guys.

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Jenn

Thank you. It's great to be here.

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Sally

Oh, I agree. It's so wonderful to be with you all.

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Chandalee

So tell us a little bit as we get started. Your name and your title with Moms in Prayer.

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Sally

Well, my name is Sally Burke, and I'm the president of Moms and Prayer International. Great.

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Jenn

And I'm Patti Walker, and I am the state coordinator for Tennessee.

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Chandalee

Awesome. Awesome. Well, as we talk today, we're going to be talking about Elohim, one of our themes with the podcast of Knowing God Better and what better way to know him than through prayer and to speak his words back to him and to know his heart and his character through communicating with him.

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Jenn

Absolutely, yes.

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Patti

And I am just thrilled to have you here this morning, because we have a moms and prayer group at our school and my kids go to Grace Baptist Academy. And so moms and prayer is a ministry that I absolutely love and believe in. And so it's a thrill to talk with both of you this morning. But we want to get to know you guys a little bit better.

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Patti

So I'm going to ask you a couple questions. What is your favorite icebreaker question to ask in a group? What about you, Sally?

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Sally

Well, mine is always. What did you come to tell the Lord? Mm hmm.

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Patti

It's a good one.

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Chandalee

And what's your, you know, what's your answer for that?

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Sally

Well, my husband first came to know the Lord. We both were working on the space shuttle. I came home to raise our children, and he came home after work one day listening to a radio station. Anyhow, heard the gospel and he received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. And so He comes into the house to let us know.

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Sally

And I thought, Whoa, what has happened? My husband, what has he's been so transformed. And I just watched I watched this piece as be all understanding. I watched God just changed his life. And for that Christmas, he brought me the most unusual gift. He bought me a Bible, and he talked to me about how he prayed over that vital Bible, what it meant to him.

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Sally

And so I thought, well, I'll read it then. And as I began to read it, God began to reveal himself to me. And then as I read the book of John, I saw that Jesus was God, and I just surrendered my life right to him right then and there. And I've been on the greatest, most amazing adventure one could imagine.

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Chandalee

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Great. And how long has that been?

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Sally

I, I think around 40 years. It's been a long time. Well.

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Patti

That's great. That's great. Well, what about you, Patti? What was your what would be your favorite icebreaker question to ask?

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Jenn

My mind's more of a of just asking them to share something. And I usually I like to ask them to recommend something to us. Mm hmm. And I ask this because I love to get recommendations from friends like a good movie they've seen lately or a good book they've read. Or maybe who they use as a plumber. So people usually enjoy talking about something that makes them happy, and others love gaining the knowledge.

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Jenn

And it seems to be a good way to get people to open up.

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Patti

Yes, that's true. And and do you have a favorite plumber? Because I know you just moved into a new house.

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Jenn

I don't. But we've had some plumbing issues lately and insurance has gotten involved. And so we are currently just using a company that they have recommended.

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Patti

Oh, very good. Very good. Sally, I did want to go back to one thing that you mentioned that you just kind of mentioned and moved on, but I'm very interested in you said that you and your husband worked on the space shuttle. Can you expand on that a little bit?

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Sally

Yeah. As we had the great pleasure and joy of working on the space shuttle for my husband for decades, me for about five years before I came home to raise my kids. We're both engineers and that's where we met. Was there on the station.

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Patti

Oh, wonderful, wonderful.

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Chandalee

Awesome.

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Patti

Well, tell us if you will, how you. Well, a little bit more about your family. We know that you're married, Sally, but tell us about your. Do you have children?

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Sally

Yes, I have four grown children. Three of them are married, boy, girl, boy, girl and four grandchildren. Of course, I adore them all, but I've witnessed God so many prayers in their lives. It's been a great blessing to raise them along with prayer, praying for them.

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Patti

Wonderful. And what about you, Patti?

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Jenn

I'm married to my wonderful husband, Chris, and we live in here in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We have four young adult children, two girls and two boys. My girls are early in their careers and living on their own, and my two sons are still in college at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

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Patti

Oh, that's awesome. That's awesome.

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Chandalee

So our listeners know about us. Mostly, if they've just joined us, they probably might not. But for you guys, Keith and I've been married for 15 years and we have three young adults. They're all three in college. So that's that's interesting. Two of them are still living at home, one doing online classes and one locally. And then the other one is in Knoxville at UT as well.

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Chandalee

So it's a different kind of season, a different kind of life, having adult children, as I'm saying, adult in quotes there, because they're still dependent on us for a lot. But it's a it's a nice transition, really watching them grow into who God has them to be. Yes. The steps that they're taking toward that.

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Patti

Yes, they're great kids.

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Chandalee

Yeah, they are.

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Patti

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I'm pretty proud of them. Yes. And I'm not quite to that adult children set, but I'm getting there. My oldest just turned 17 this past Wednesday, so I can't believe that that's Ethan. And then my youngest is Blaine. He's 14, and they're just great boys. I'm very thankful for them. They're good guys. And my husband is Brant and he's awesome.

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Patti

Just a wonderful man. I'm very thankful for him and how he leads our family.

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Chandalee

So what's the vision and the goal of moms and prayer?

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Sally

Well, our mission is to impact children in schools for Christ worldwide by gathering women together to pray. And our vision is that every school worldwide would be covered in prayer. And can you imagine when that will happen? You know, it'll be an exciting day. Right now we're in 161 countries and we're witnessing God wherever there's a moms and prayer group, we see revival in a spiritual way.

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Sally

We see God move in that campus. We see the fulfillment of God's desire for those teachers, for those students, for that school. We witness his name being lifted. All right, great.

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Chandalee

That's beautiful.

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Patti

Yes. And how how did you get involved with moms and prayer to begin with? Like how how did that happen for you, Sally?

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Sally

Well, I was a brand new Christian. I mean, I was just getting to know the Bible. And I read about prayer, knew prayer was powerful. And my friend asked me, she said, Sally, a woman's going to speak about praying for children in schools, calm. And I heard it was our founder, Fern Nichols, and she spoke about how prayer blessed the children.

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Sally

And I know she said much, much more, but that's all that sunk into this brain was all I want my kids to be blessed. I want them to find favor in their teachers eyes. I want, you know, all this stuff. And so I went to the first grade, then we used four simple but powerful steps of prayer, praise, silent compassion, Thanksgiving and intercession.

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Sally

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And I walked into that room, never praying out loud before, and I didn't even pray for a couple of weeks. I just sat there and I knew this place was for me to hear the praises of God, to get to know who He is by name, by attribute, by character, and to watch how these women came in with all their fears, all their worries.

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Sally

And they walked out. And I'm like, they walk in scared kittens. They walk out is roaring lion. So it was amazing. Just privileged to be a part of that first group.

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Patti

Oh, that's awesome. And how did you continue to rise up? Because you're you are currently the president of Moms in Prayer. So how many steps were there in between there and how did that happen?

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Sally

Well, quite, quite a few. My leader needed to pass the baton on and I told the group I won't leave, but I'll host it so you can come use my house. And within a few months I was leading it. And then I went to a leaders meeting. This AC was doing wonderful was she was praying for us and just, you know, training us, equipping us.

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Sally

And I told her, and do you need help? I'll bring cookies. That's what I'm doing. And she goes, Oh, you're an answer to prayer. And I became part of her team. And then soon she needed to move. And next thing I know, I'm looking at booklets. I was the next see and and then my state coordinator told me that there was this new position is called regional coordinator.

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Sally

And so to oversee a whole school district, riverside school district and there's like a million students and I'm like, okay. And I loved it. Every position I was in, I absolutely loved it. I got to know God in deeper, richer, greater ways. And then for Nicholas, call me, ask me for lunch and said, Will you be willing to work with international women?

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Sally

And I told her, I prayed about it. I only speak one language and it's English and not very good. And I never I hadn't traveled to any other country, but God nudged me that, yes, this is what I want to do. And I thought, well, I'll bring them some things. I've been in the ministry about, I don't know, about 15 years by then, but they transform my life to witness and to see God move all over the world, to see these women with literally nothing, but they have Christ.

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Sally

And so they have everything. And to watch them transform their their children's lives, the villages that, you know, literally the country, you know, just to watch them say we will no

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longer be known as a nation of genocide, but we will be known as a nation of prayer. I mean, just to witness and to see that. And then Fern retired.

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Sally

And so she then, you know, the board and her passed the baton on to me. So all that was a surprise, a wonderful surprise. Oh, that quite a surprise.

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Patti

That's wonderful. And what about you, Patti? You're the regional coordinator for Tennessee, correct?

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Jenn

I was regional coordinator before I stepped up to state. Okay.

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Patti

State coordinator, that's right. Yes. And tell us how you got to be in that position. How many how did you get to be and moms are prior to start with?

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Jenn

Okay. So my first introduction to moms and prayer was when my oldest child was in kindergarten, I was homeschooling at that time and another homeschooling mom asked me if I would like to pray with her using the moms and prayer material. And I did. And it was wonderful. I was pregnant with our fourth child that year. I had the baby in March, and so that was the last of my involvement for a little while.

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Jenn

Then fast forward seven years when we put all of our kids in a traditional school and on orientation day I saw a moms in prayer information table and I made a beeline for it and I was like, I have to do this. And so I was really excited. And yeah, I agree with Sally. I was just amazed at how at the piece that came over me as I would continue to pray every week with these moms, the focus on Jesus is on God.

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Jenn

It wasn't that I was coming to bring my laundry list. It wasn't the focus on what I wanted, but it was a focus on who he is and then a focus on thanking him for things. And it just transformed me.

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Patti

Yes. Yes, that's that's wonderful. I got involved with Moms and Prayer. We started a moms and prayer group at our school, Grace Baptist Academy, about four years ago. My friend Christy and I and I heard about it through another mom, Kelli Leslie was the one who introduced me to a moms in prayer group, and she is with Jesus now.

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Patti

And but her impact, she will. You served on the women's ministry team together and she went I mentioned to me, she said, you know, do you have a moms and prayer group at your school? And it used to have another name.

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Jenn

Moms in touch.

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Patti

Moms in touch at the time. And a and I said, no, I don't even know what that is. And so, of course, Kelli, she was very well versed in and moms in prayer because she had been attending for years and praying for her sons. And she told me all about it and encouraged me to look into it and look into starting a group at our school.

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Patti

And so I did because I was definitely captivated by the the Ministry of Prayer and wanting to be more effective in prayer. And anyway, I'm very thankful for Kelly and the legacy. I mean, she literally left a legacy behind. And and she is the reason that I even looked into it and got it started at Grace Baptist Academy.

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Patti

And and it's been such a blessing to have it at our school. And so and kind of the same thing, we see moms come in and and get involved and just the the spirit is so sweet there and learning how to pray using those for the four specific topics. Praise, confession, Thanksgiving and intercession. It's just been a wonderful, wonderful thing that's been part of my life now for a few years.

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Patti

So I just praise the Lord for that.

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Jenn

Yes.

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Chandalee

So as you guys have mentioned, being in schools, Jim's obviously in a private Christian school. How does this work in a secular school? In public school? Do you have chapters in public schools?

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Sally

Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. And that's how I started my kids were in a public elementary school and so we made a home like they were meeting in my home. And we meet one hour once a week and I'm like, as a leader, I go, Okay, Lord, what name would actually be? Would Character of God we battle for the lives of the children this week, and it always gave us a name and a character and we began to pray for our kids.

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Sally

I see so many answers to prayer. Like all of our kids were getting awards, you know, they found favor in their teacher's eyes and God just prompted my heart. He says, What about all these other kids? What about him? So he began to take the yearbook and we began to name and pretty soon God brought a hundred campus, the first in our valley.

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Sally

A good news club on this public school campus. During modified day, over 100 kids would come and I was going to help bring snacks. Well, so my kids were receiving Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior that they said, Sorry, c'mon, over here, you're going to have to pray with them. And I cannot tell you what that meant because I saw their faces.

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Sally

I prayed for them by name and they put their little hand in mine and they would say, I'm ready to receive Jesus. And I mean, and today they're teachers, they're preachers, they're they're moms. And dads are loving Jesus. Their lives were totally trance form in that moment of time, and they never let go. That whole school was transformed.

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Sally

They're doing memory versus back and forth. We saw 14. Now it's 15 teachers out of the 22 originally prayed for came to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior, the teachers. Now they have a teachers and prayer group on there. They pray before school. Even the principal who was a unbelieving principal comes to me. We chose the Lord, our banner, and I kept asking God, why the Lord our banner?

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Sally

And He was chasing me down, was selling starlight because he gave me prayer requests and he would go, Sally, your God, his answer, so many prayers. This happened. This this is because it's like there's an umbrella protection over our school and I'm like, you know, so, yes, you know, and by God, in all those public school campuses, they don't belong to the enemy.

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Sally

They belong, you know, to Jesus Christ. And as we pray, we're and gone on that campus, there's so many Christian ministries that are on those campuses and they know and a moms and prayer group is there. They say, we just see. So you guys are the Air Force. We just see the hearts ready to receive Jesus versus those that don't have prayer on those campus.

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Sally

So it is mind boggling. God has a great plan for this generation. I want everybody to know that this is a place Daniel and David and Esther, Barbara and their period of time. He has placed our kids right here right now for an incredible plan. They're going to rise up as we rise up and pray. So, I mean, it's just is it an opportunity?

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Sally

Our schools and our teachers are not our enemies. They're just an opportunity.

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Jenn

Yes.

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Sally

For us to be able to witness God. Move as we pray.

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Chandalee

A world wide battle is raging for our children. Instead of feeling helpless, our God calls us to intercede. Moms are putting on their armor and fighting in prayer. If you're local to the Chattanooga area, you're invited to rise up and pray an event that will empower you to pray simply and effectively for the children of any age in your circle of influence.

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Chandalee

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Chandalee

Be sure to like, subscribe and share these with your friends. We hope you'll join us again next week for the rest of the conversation with Moms in Prayer. See you next time.