

“WAR ROOM”

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This past Saturday evening, Marcia and I went with Geoff and Dafina Turner to see the movie, “War Room.” A couple having serious marital problems found that depending on God and seeking his will through prayer was the most effective thing they could do to turn their lives, their marriage, and their family around.

I had never heard of that movie until Geoff mentioned it. The only other currently playing movie I could think of was “Shaun the Sheep.” But after seeing “War Room,” I was glad that we had gone and determined that I would mention it to the church the next day and recommend it. Perhaps you remember the comment I made in the sermon about it. Since you are clearly a person who reads my bulletin articles, I think it may be safe to assume you listen to my lessons at church as well. Remember when I was talking about how we overcome obstacles to forgiveness, that one of the things we must do is to follow Jesus’ instructions to pray for our enemies? Jesus taught us, *“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”* Sometimes it may be a loved one who abuses you or acts like your enemy. Rather than hate or try to get even with that person, Jesus says love and pray for him or her. As I was watching “War Room,” I realized it was a great example of what I was going to preach about the very next day.

When I got home, I searched the internet for some reviews. It occurred to me that movie critics might not like the movie. I was right. They faulted “War Room” for portraying the message that if her husband is mistreating her all a wife needs to do is pray about it. The criticism is inaccurate and unfair. I recommend you see “War Room.” When you do, remember that it is just a movie, and while it deals with prayer, faith in Jesus Christ, and marital reconciliation, it by no means says all that there is to say or do about those topics. But what it does say is certainly what people who follow Jesus Christ seriously will want to put into practice. (Luke 6:27–28)