"Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, "I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now." Hosea 2:14

Prayer changes things! Prayer moves an unseen Hand. Prayer guards against a cunning and evil enemy while shielding from sin's stronghold of death – until a choice for Christ may be made.

We see a spiritual strategy that must, at times, be unleashed lest our families and friends be lost. Our intercessions hold the power to literally hedge someone in – that is – to hold back their sinful desires and keep them from fulfilling that inner demand made by the old nature. It is a spiritual restraint, a mother's prayer seat belt designed to keep her child safe from the consequences of wrong choices, foolish desires, rebellious designs and evil company – all until that child "comes to themselves" (Luke 15:17), and yields wholeheartedly to Jesus Christ and His plan for their lives!

Such prayer holds the wolf at by, the thief at a distance and an avenue open for the Holy Spirit to work His wooing in the wayward one's heart.

It's time to grow a hedge!

"Father, in Jesus name, I plead the blood of Christ over …. I bind the work of the enemy in the life of …. I thank You that the Holy Spirit is doing His work of wooing, convicting and protecting …. Thank You for bringing… to a saving knowledge of Jesus! Alleluia!"