



*Fight the
good fight
of faith*

1 Timothy 6:12

Transformation

(Part 4)

Fight of Faith

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The Fight of Faith

Truths about the Fight of Faith

#1 - You Can't Fight This Fight without God

*“For the LORD your God is the One who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.” **Deuteronomy 20:4***

God NEVER intended for you to fight a fight that you CANNOT win apart from Him.

#2 - Your Part In The Fight of Faith

*“The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still” **Exodus 14:14***

Your faith ACTIVATES God's power to destroy the enemies to your walk of faith. Your part is to DEPEND on Him and REST in His ability to fight the fight.

#3 – Use God's Word As Part Of The Fight of Faith.

*“My soul weeps because of grief. Strengthen me according to Your word.” **Psalms 119:28***

*“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” **Ephesians 6:17***

Bring the truth of God's word into the fight of faith.

The Enemies in The Fight of Faith

Enemy #1 – The FLESH

*“For we know that the Law is spiritual; but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.” **Romans 7:14***

*“For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.” **Romans 7:18***

The biblical meaning of the word “flesh” is man’s DESIRE to live life with HIMSELF as the source, INDEPENDENT or APART from God as the Source.

The “**flesh**” is an independent **attitude** that says:

- I can be in control.
- I can meet my needs.
- I can handle or overcome all problems.
- I can deal with every circumstance concerning marriage, family, job, finances, etc.
- I can be a success.
- I can be my own god.

Enemy #2 - The Power of Sin

*“But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, I am no longer the one doing it, but (the power of) sin which dwells in me.” Romans 7:20
(Parenthesis mine)*

THE POWER OF SIN: an INTERNAL and ONGOING power in your life that seeks to DRAW you or TEMPT you to live independently of God

Enemy #3 - Satan/His Demonic Forces

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...” **John 10:10a***

*“Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour.” **1 Peter 5:8***

To STEAL, KILL, and DESTROY your walk with God, your marriage, and your family.

Satan and his demons come against you to:

- Constantly try to DESTROY your faith walk.
- Keep you in BONDAGE to your lying beliefs.

- Keep you in bondage to your defeating sin patterns and strongholds.
- Turning you back to yourself to be the source for life.
- Keep you focused on yourself to try and solve your impossible problems.

Enemy #4 – Your Thought Life

“because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so.” **Romans 8:7**

“We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.” **2 Corinthians 10:5**

Fearful Thoughts



“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

2 Timothy 1:7

#1 - Fear of the UNKNOWN –

“What will happen when I take a step of faith?”

#2 - Fear of FAILURE –

“What if I take steps of faith, and nothing happens, or God does not come through?”

#3 - Fear of PAIN or SUFFERING –

“I don’t want to take a step of faith because I might experience pain and suffering from God.”

Your fears can take OWNERSHIP of your life and ROB you of your faith walk.

Self-Condemning Thoughts

*“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” **Romans 8:1***

Because we are so performance-oriented, we will give ourselves a failing grade when we fail and condemn ourselves.

Unbelieving Thoughts

*“Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief.” **Mark 9:24***

*“And so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.” **Hebrews 3:19***

Unbelief primarily comes in two forms: Unbelief about WHO God is. Unbelief about WHAT God can (or is willing to) do in your life.

Doubting Thoughts

*“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” **Genesis 3:1***

*“But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.” **James 1:6***

*The #1 killer to your walk of faith is DOUBT.
Doubting God will CAUSE you to turn back to yourself as the source.*

In Some Fights You May Have To Continue To Fight For Some Time.

*“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.” **Ephesians 6:13***

Because of the strength of your flesh or your strongholds you may have to CONTINUE fighting for a long time.

You Will Be Tempted To Give Up The Fight.

*“How long will you forget me, Lord? Forever? How long will you hide from me? How long must I worry and feel sad in my heart all day? How long will my enemy win over me?” **Psalm 13:1, 2***

*“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement...” **Romans 15:4, 5a***

As you PERSEVERE in fighting the fight of faith and eventually experience a supernatural change by God, your CHRIST-CONFIDENCE increases and allows you to take another step of faith.

Where Will You End Up If You Give Up The Fight?

*“Of them the proverbs are true: ‘A dog returns to its vomit’ and, ‘A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud.’” **2 Peter 2:22***

If you don't engage God to fight the fight of faith, you have ALREADY lost. However, if you ask God to fight, and you STAY in the fight, you will eventually experience His VICTORY over all the obstacles to your walk of faith.

Therefore, keep fighting the fight of faith so that you can say with Paul:

*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.” **2 Timothy 4:7***