

The Fight of Faith

1 Timothy 6:12 (Amp) Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses.

- This scripture was written by the Apostle Paul, he says there is a fight to faith, it's a good fight, and then he says you must have a good profession or confession.
- One of the definitions of profession is –to say the same thing
- So if we are holding fast to our profession or confession of faith that means we are saying the same thing as God says, declaring what the word says
- So to maintain the spirit of faith and to win in life we must maintain a good confession
- If you want to receive from God, God is a faith God, we must live by faith
- The fight of faith is not a regular fight, it's a different kind of fight-in Gods fight of faith, he says the joy of the Lord is your strength, so you are just gonna have to get happy!
- Act like you believe God is on your side and you are expecting something supernatural

Why do we need to fight the fight of faith?

- Smith Wigglesworth said: "If the enemy can move you from a place of faith he can get you outside of the plan of God for your life."
- Abraham Lincoln said-(in the middle of the civil war, when he was facing much adversity) "The fight of today is not all together for today but for a bright future."
- The fight that you are fighting today, is not just for today, it is for your future, your purpose, your tomorrow, it's not just for this moment.
- God has a plan for your life and he has designed for those things to come to pass by you living, talking and walking by faith.

How do we fight the fight of faith?

- You fight the fight of faith by using your voice, agreeing with the Word of God, speaking the word of God.
- The devil has been disarmed and defeated!

Example: if you were to walk into a shopping center and there was a man there with no arms and no legs and he came up to you and said, "I'm gonna rob you!" You would laugh! It is the same with the devil, he has been disarmed and defeated and the only way he can win is by talking you out of your victory.

- The biggest fight to faith is the fight you have to fight to keep from fighting-sometimes we try to fight in a wrong way, the bible says he that believes has

entered into rest-the battle is the lords and the victory is mine-the only fight I have is the fight of faith which is I agree with the word and I just keep agreeing with God

Cheer up!

Acts 27:25 (KJV) Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

- Paul was shipwrecked, trouble after trouble, facing major adversity and he said "cheer up!"
- Sometimes you just need to start laughing in the middle of your adversity!
- The bible says Job laughed in the middle of his adversity-he said he was laughing because-I know my redeemer lives! If he lives, I know he is taking care of me, I know he will restore, and then God turned Job's captivity!
- When things are looking impossible you just gotta stop and laugh and say, I know my redeemer lives, I know he's taking care of me, I believe it shall be even as He told me so everything's gonna be alright!
- You can actually accelerate your victory if you start laughing and rejoicing and believing God.
- People claim to be fighting the fight of faith but they look concerned and depressed, but if you are believing God you are gonna have to get happy, cheer up!

Example: Just like in a boxing match, they are getting all beat up, and then they go to their corner, and their coaches are talking to them and encouraging them and telling them what to do and fixing them up, it's the same in the fight of faith-everyone needs someone in their corner saying-GET IT TOGETHER! Speak the word-get happy-how come your mouth is shut? How come you are pouting looking sad, we didn't come here to lose this fight, don't you know what you are capable of? Come on-lets fight the good fight of faith! Don't let the devil whoop you like that!

Don't Quit Before your Turn around

- The devil always tries to get you to quit right before your turn around! That's why there is an attack because the fight of today is not just for today, it's for your future, so you better get to fighting!
- The devil tries to wrap something around your mind, emotions, finances....but you get the word out and start praising God and get happy, start laughing, the joy of the Lord is your strength-that means your faith would be strengthened if you would just get happy
- When you learn how to release your faith you can just turn it and aim it at your job, your finances, your marriage, your circumstance. Release your faith!
- The deep sheep, don't think it's real spiritual to laugh and rejoice-but think of the apostle paul(he wrote over half the new testament, I'd say he was pretty

spiritual)-the adversity he went through, and he always kept a smile on his face and told everyone to cheer up, I believe God!

Take Your Medicine

- The word says, a merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Example: Like when you go to the Dr. and he gives you a prescription, on the bottle it tells you take this 3x a day. People are religious with their medication, they'll set alarms throughout the day and night to take their medication, but you can't get them to speak the word once a week. They are just too tired or don't have time...

- You need to take your medicine! Laugh!
- Again Paul said in Philippians 4:4- Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS and again I say rejoice!
- James 1 says to count it ALL joy when you are facing adversity, when you start laughing your faith is strengthened and your turn around is coming!

What Does Laughing and Rejoicing do?

- 1. You are acting on the word of God
- 2. It takes the pressure off of you.
- When you are under pressure that means you are taking responsibility of the performance to bring it to pass.
- You are not the performer-you are the believer-you fight the fight of faith and God brings it to pass-so when you laugh, you are saying there is no pressure on me to make this thing happen-you do your part but you believe God.
- The devil will say, how do you think this is gonna happen? But you say it's not my job to figure out how its gonna happen, It's my job to believe, I am a BELIEVER-I act like , talk like, rejoice like and cheer up like a believer! It shall be as he told me-He's the one who told me, he's the one that will bring it to pass.

Do Your Part

- Lillian B. Yeomen said, "God has tied himself irrevocably to human cooperation in the execution of divine purposes. He has made mans faith a determining factor in the work of redemption."
- That means that God has a plan and a purpose for each of us but he has tied Himself to our cooperation. We have to do our part, He has already done His part.

Example: The electronic door at the grocery store has an electronic eye, it won't open until you get within 3 feet of it ,walking with God, and the plan of God is a lot like that, receiving from God is like that, you think you can't go forward because the door is closed, but if you would go forward the door would open-but

if you'll take a step of faith and another step of faith, it stays closed and makes no sense, then BOOM the eye of faith sees you and the door is open!

- Your faith is motion activated-faith without action is dead-God has done his part-He's given us a promise, he needs us to ACT in faith.

ACT in faith

- The first act of faith is for you to move your mouth, for some reason when we get under pressure we tend to go silent, may not say anything negative but can't seem to move your mouth and speak the word because the adversity is so great.
- Everyone needs a coach in their corner encouraging them to speak the word, get happy and act in faith.

Example: Caleb and I keeping each other accountable (mom telling dad he needed to go read his book)

- When you are in a fight sometimes you forget to use your weapons and your authority, your pastor can't do it for you, he is just your coach, you have to fight your own fight of faith and lift your own voice-speak, get your mouth moving-the moment you begin to declare, act and rejoice, the doors begin to open.
- Lillian B. Yeomen said," God delights when his children step out over the aching void with nothing under their feet but the word of God."

A GOOD Fight

- You know why the apostle Paul called it the good fight of faith is because we win, if we holdfast to our confession, if we act on the word of God, rejoice like the Bible is true, laugh at impossibilities, then we will win everytime!