

# THE MIGHT OF THE LIGHT

## How You Win

### I. The faith fight is a real fight-1 Timothy 6:12

- A. The spiritual fight and the faith fight has not been real to many people, but it is a real fight; We are in a war
1. **The good faith fight is a real fight, not imaginary and your faith is going to be challenged and tried**
    - a. There is a **real** adversary that is doing everything he can to get you to let go of your faith and you are going to experience **real** pressure in the form of thoughts and feelings and through those your adversary is trying to move you off of your faith
    2. If nobody is going to get your faith, then you're going to have to fight to keep that from happening
      - a. You try to get the faith out of us and you're going to run into a fight; You try to get me to doubt God and not trust God and I'm going into fight mode and I bristle and I take a stand and turn into a wall
- B. True spiritual warfare is all about beliefs and your opponent is trying to get you to believe wrong
1. **Every attack the enemy makes against us is to negatively affect your faith so that he can have an open door to affect your life-1John5:4**
  2. **Every war is over control and when the war is over the winner is the one who has control; The enemy controls people through the mind; the mind is the door way to the heart and with the heart man believes and if he can get down in there where you believe he's got you**
    - a. Proverbs 23:7, 4:23, Romans 8:5-6-If the enemy can get a man thinking wrong and believing wrong he can influence that man; What if he can't get him thinking wrong and believing wrong? He'll have no influence over that man
    - b. **True spiritual warfare is a battle of beliefs and because it's a battle of beliefs it has to do with thoughts because that's how you come to believe something and the thought was revealed to you through words and ideas**
  3. **Your beliefs govern everything and that's why the war is over what you believe**
    - a. What we believe is the biggest part of what we are and it governs every aspect of our lives and that's what the struggle in the Earth is over and that's what the enemy and his evil spirits are working night and day to do, is to prevent people from seeing the light and believing the truth or get people who have seen the light and believe it to turn loose of it – THAT IS TRUE
- SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- b. The devil can't make people do anything, but when people come to believe these things, their beliefs begin to govern every aspect of their lives and he can influence them through that avenue

## II. **Fighting the good fight of faith is connected to laying hold of or possessing eternal life and anything that falls under the scope of zoe-1Tim6:12**

- A. To take possession of what God has given to you you're going to have to fight the good fight of faith and you don't fight the good fight of faith you won't possess what's yours (**Lay Hold**-Take possession of)
  - 1. You are called to fight the good fight of faith and you are called to possess what God wants you to have; The children of Israel were called to possess that land
  - 2. There's some stuff you're called to and some stuff calling you that to possess you have to fight the good fight of faith
    - a. You're not called to be sick any more than you were called to be dead spiritually; you are called to healing and healing is calling you, but to lay hold of it you're going to have to fight the good fight of faith
- B. How do you fight of faith-2 Corinthians 10:3-5, 1 Timothy 4:1
  - 1. 1Tim4:1-If you give heed to wrong thoughts and don't cast them down, you will lose your faith and not possess what God promised to you
  - 2. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5-The way you fight the good fight of faith is you cast down every thought, feeling, suggestion that contradicts the truth and you don't ponder it, think on it, talk about it, but you resist it and if you do that you won't lose your faith and you'll win the faith fight
  - 3. **This is 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 is connected to you possessing what God has promised you because if you ponder and think about and yield to these wrong thoughts and feelings you will end up believing wrong, losing your faith and you won't possess what God promised to you**
- C. What God gives to you and does for you is by grace and it is received through your faith (**right believing, believing the truth**)
  - 1. Romans 4:16, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 5:2-Faith is what gives you access to God's grace and to what God wants to give you by grace
    - a. **You don't earn it with your faith, you access it with your faith – No faith = No access**
  - 2. 2 Peter 1:4, Numbers 13:2-There are things that God has give to you that are yours but you don't see them or have them naturally and yet they are yours and you couldn't say they are not yours because God has given them to you
    - a. God gave it to you when he said it, not when it showed up
      - 1) Genesis 1-God said it and it was so and then He saw; it's so the moment God said it

- 2) **When did Abraham become the Father of many nations?** When God said it; He was the father of many nations long before he was the father of many nations; When Abraham went to possess that promise there was a fight waiting for him
3. **Faith is what gives you access to the things that are yours**
  - a. **You're not earning it with your faith because you can't earn something that already belongs to you; You can't earn what God already gave to you by grace; You can't earn something that's yours – It already belongs to you**
  - b. Romans 5:18, Titus 2:11-Salvation and righteousness has been given to the sinner and they can't earn it because God already gave it to them and yet if they don't access it with their faith they will die and go to hell – Faith gives them access to it
    - 1) Healing, prosperity, peace, joy, good relationships, money, protection is yours and you can't earn it because Jesus already earned it and gave it to you and it's yours and it's by grace, but without faith you WILL NEVER access it – Faith gives you access
  - c. Faith doesn't give you a right to it, Jesus gave you the right to it when he gave it to you, faith gives you access to it
- D. Anything that affects your faith will affect your access to God's grace and to what is already yours by grace
  1. **If He can affect your faith he can hinder your access to grace**
    - a. **If he can affect your faith and get you believing lies he can keep you from possessing what's yours b/c faith is what gives you access**
  2. **One of the main ways our faith is affected is if we sit there and ponder the lies of the wicked one, when we should cast them down**
- E. When you go to possess with your faith what God has given to you by grace the enemy is going to try to affect your faith so you can't possess it and that's where the fight comes in-1 Timothy 6:12
  1. **Your fight is with the enemy who's trying to deny you access by affecting your faith by giving you thoughts and feelings contrary to the truth**
    - a. If you give heed to lies and don't cast them down it's going to affect your faith and that's how he defeats you-1 John 5:4
    - b. It's not that God doesn't want to give you the victory, but if something affects your faith (like yielding to these wrong thoughts) then it's going to affect what God is able to do for you by His grace
    - c. **Jesus did the work and it's finished and it's yours but that doesn't mean the enemy is just going let you possess what's yours uncontested; he's going to do everything he can to affect your faith so that you can't possess what's yours**
  2. **God's people aren't possessing what's there's because they are losing this fight, the faith fight**

- a. Whether or not you have victory is not just determined by how you prayed, but how did you fight after your prayer was finished ("I did believe I received when I prayed" – Yes but you're losing the fight)
- b. Some don't know there is a fight, some don't think you have to fight, some don't know how to fight, some are confused about what the fight is, some don't want to fight

**III. If you don't win the faith fight by casting down and resisting these wrong thoughts and feelings it is a certainty you will lose your faith and you will not be able to access what God wants to give you by grace-Numbers 13**

- A. Numbers 13-B/C they pondered the wrong thoughts they lost their faith and lost the fight and never possessed what God promised to them
  - 1. 2-God gave them the land by grace – This is the truth; 28-The strong people, the walled cities, and the giants told them it wasn't their land – This is a lie; **The issue now is what will you ponder, what will you entertain, what will you focus on and yield to and what will you resist?**
    - a. **This issue right here is bigger than we've known and bigger than we've made it out to be; What will you heed?-Romans 8:5-6**
  - 2. They knew what God said before they left to spy out the land and they choose to think on, attend to, and focus on something other than what God said – **They knew what God said and they chose to think on something else and this was the beginning of their destruction**
    - a. Your mind is your mind and you can think on whatever you choose to think on
    - b. They fixated on something other than the truth and this is one of the main tactics of the enemy
  - 3. **Somebody said unbelief kept them from possessing? True, but why did they get into unbelief and lose their faith? Because they didn't do 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Hebrews 3:19**
    - a. **They were heeding the wrong things, they were listening to and communing with a wrong spirit, they were expressing thoughts and feelings when they should have been resisting them and that is why they got off and into unbelief and lost their faith-Num13:28-14:4**
    - b. What they are seeing is real, what they are feeling is real, the thoughts they are having are real, but all those thoughts and feelings are exalting themselves against the truth of God so they need to be cast down and not expressed
  - 4. **They believe they can't go in and they believe it's because of the giants and the walls and they believe they'd be better off in Egypt and all this that they are believing is lies and they are deceived and in the dark**
    - a. **This is how you end up deceived and in the dark and believing wrong and thinking wrong because you yielded to a thought you should have resisted, you considered something you shouldn't have considered, you paid attention to something you should have paid no attention to at all**

- B. The way that you win is you stick with the truth and cast down every falsehood
1. Joshua and Caleb certainly had similar thoughts and feelings, but they cast them down and that's why they didn't lose their faith and that's why they didn't lose the faith fight and that's why they possessed what God promised them
  2. They are not deceived, they are not in the dark, they believe the truth, they have light and it made them mighty
    - a. The enemy can't deceive and get them to believe they can't possess it because they won't listen to one thing he says
    - b. The way that you win is you see a negative report, you have a negative thought or feeling and you don't pay any attention to it, you just cast it down and fight the good fight of faith-2  
Corinthians 4:18
  3. **Joshua 14:10-12-As the Lord has said-40 years later and he's still stuck on what the Lord said to him**
    - a. This is how you get in, this is how you lay hold, you fight the good fight of faith
- C. Romans 4:16-21-It's impossible to win the fight of faith and not let go of your faith when think on, ponder and listen to the lies of the devil all day
1. **Why is he not staggering? Why is he not wavering? Why is he not in unbelief? He staggered not because he consider not, he was strong in faith because he considered not**
    - a. The enemy is trying to get him to believe wrong by getting him to consider something contrary to the truth, but Abraham just won't do it and that's why he didn't let go of his faith and possessed what God promised him
    - b. **Considering things contrary to the truth is going to eat away at your faith until you no longer have any and that means you lose the faith fight and don't possess what God promised you**
  2. **If you are considering stuff you shouldn't be considering it shows you that your faith is weak**
    - a. **So the measure for your faith is not what you can quote like a parrot or the face you can put on in front of your Christian friends, but rather how much stuff did you consider and think about today that you shouldn't have**
    - b. **Strong faith won't consider anything that contradicts the Word**
      - 1) **2 Corinthians 4:18-Faith doesn't consider or pay attention to what it sees, how it feels, or anything that contradicts the truth**
  3. **You get to this fully persuaded faith place of total trust and total rest by considering not; You consider not long enough and you're going to get fully persuaded and that's the place where nothing moves you, no report, no thought, no feeling, no circumstance, no devil**

- D. Numbers 13:31-33- They are looking at the giants and the walls and the indwelt cities and they are making the fight natural, but it's not natural it's spiritual and they are losing the faith fight and that's the only fight that matters – IT'S ABOUT FAITH-1 Timothy 6:12, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
1. The fight is not natural, it's spiritual and it's a faith fight and the fight is all about you staying in faith and believing right when the enemy is trying to get you to let go of your faith and believe wrong
    - a. It's not a circumstance fight, you're not fighting sickness, you're not fighting lack Jesus gave you victory over those things and your fight is not natural and your weapons are not carnal; the fight you're in is the fight to hold onto your faith and retain your faith and believe right and believe the truth no matter what happens and if you're doing that you're winning the fight no matter what the circumstances say
    - b. People have gotten the idea that they are responsible for taking their faith and making their healing come to pass or making the money show up, but that would make the fight natural and not spiritual
  2. **It's about your faith so don't make it about circumstances (that would be warring after the flesh)**
    - a. The pressure and the opposition you experience is not about circumstances and negative situations, it's about your faith and the question is what affect did those natural things have on your faith?
    - b. It's easy to be fixate on what's going on in this natural realm and think you're fighting a bunch of stuff that's natural and if you're doing that you're not fighting a faith fight
    - c. You don't need to be fixated on the results, the circumstances, the situation but instead you need to be fixated on your faith; Your faith is the only thing that matters
  3. **The most important thing is not the result, the most important thing is "are you winning the fight?" and many aren't getting the results they believe they should because they are not winning the fight and they've allowed things to affect their faith and get their faith**
- E. 14:1-They have no peace, no joy, their complaining, they are angry and all these are signs that they are off and not believing the truth
1. Some are lying to the themselves about their own faith and they are saying, "I am in faith, I am believing," all the while they sit there and sulk in despair and toil in torment and have no peace and no joy and the truth is they are not in faith and because you can't be in faith and hold onto your faith while you listen to the lies of the devil all day-Psalm 16:11-It's evident who you've been spending your time with
    - a. **There's joy and peace in believing right and if you'll pay attention to the warning signs you'll sense when you're getting off and believing wrong; in situations where you've lost your joy and have no peace and you're frustrated and angry and sorrowful, those are**

warning signs and they are letting you know you're off, you're believing wrong, you're thinking wrong, you're losing the fight and you need some light and truth and you need to begin to deal in light and truth-(Romans 15:13)

- b. **This is why you have no access to what you know is yours and to what you know you should have**
- F. The ones who didn't want to fight never possessed what God promised – Everybody wants the promise land, but few want to fight
- 1. **Many Christians don't want to fight; they want to possess what's theirs uncontested; They want to pray and they want it to manifest instantly and when it doesn't they go off the rails and get in fear and unbelief and they don't want to fight these thoughts, feelings and lies**