

FIGHT FOR YOUR FAITH!



Be On Guard and Fight For Your Faith

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(All prophecies are Jesus speaking unless otherwise indicated.)

(Dad speaking:) Don't let the Enemy rob you of your faith and trust in God! ⁽¹⁾

The Enemy seeks to get in. He seeks to make you waver in your faith in Me. He seeks to find some avenue for doubt, some little disbelief to shake your faith and destabilize you. ⁽²⁾

If you get caught up in (the Enemy's) mind games and begin to analyze and listen to the thoughts he puts in your head, it gives him power to erode your foundation. It begins to create reality from the lying vanities. If you choose to believe him by choosing to analyze things with your carnal mind, he has real power to destroy the good foundation that you stand upon, and it will damage your faith and your spiritual life. ⁽³⁾

It's by allowing the infiltration of the Enemy's lies into the mind, a slow and constant dripping of the voice of the Enemy, a steady stream of his doubts and lies over this and that, that the real damage is done to the spirit, that the real weakening of the spirit begins. For by allowing the voice of the Enemy into (your) life, (you) are allowing him to tear down (your) faith and to weaken the foundation of (your) faith. ⁽⁴⁾

If you continue to accept the lies of the Enemy and his discouragement and doubts, and you stop receiving My Word and walking in the spirit of faith, you'll stop recognizing My anointing and My blessings in your life. This will lead to believing other lies of the Enemy, and you'll begin to doubt My Word and My love for you. ⁽⁵⁾

When you lower all your defenses and your shields finally power down completely, the Enemy will overrun you. Chances are he'll ravage your faith and spirit and leave you a complete spiritual weakling with no power, no energy, no abilities to do anything for Me and others. ⁽⁶⁾

(The Enemy) attacks your spirit and tries to weaken you to the point that you'll put down your weapons of war and even forsake your crown of service--the responsibility that I've given you, along with the gifts and anointing to do it. He wants to cause you to doubt My love, My Word, and My wisdom. It's his goal to pull you down, to destroy your faith in Me and My Word through this slow weakening of your spirit. ⁽⁷⁾

(Dad speaking:) Don't let the Enemy weasel his nose into your life and allow him to attack your faith. Diligently guard your faith. Actively boost it through faithful study of the Word, of the Lord's promises. And wield the key promises--those will set the Devil back on his heels without fail! ⁽⁸⁾

Your mind and heart are as a garden that needs to be tended well and protected against the evil seeds of the Enemy. If you are diligent and strong in faith and in the fear of Me, the moment you see the seeds of the Enemy spring up in your heart and mind, you will run over as a faithful gardener to pluck up the evil weed, while it is small and weak and its roots are shallow. ⁽⁹⁾

(Dad speaking:) You've got to realize that your faith and the Word are two of your most priceless possessions. That's precisely why the Enemy is after them. You've got to remind yourself that the Devil will never fight for something that is not worth having. If it didn't matter to you, if it didn't matter to the Lord, and if it didn't matter to him, then he sure as hell wouldn't be after it! ⁽¹⁰⁾

(Dad speaking:) You've got to fight for your faith as if it were your most prized possession! ⁽¹¹⁾

Please, My loves, I urge you to look to Me, to cling to Me and to trust in My great love for you. Then dwell in that love and faith by immersing yourself in My Word and in a spirit of praise and thankfulness. Call the Enemy's bluff by wholeheartedly and vocally being more praiseful, more full of Me and My love, and more on the attack to fill your mind and life with positive and faith-building thoughts and actions. Inundate your mind and spirit with My Word and My light! Flood your life and mind with praise and My key promises. ⁽¹²⁾

Watch Out for Fear and Worry

(Dad speaking:) Don't let the Enemy rob you of your faith and trust in God! Don't let the Enemy instill his fear and worry and doubts in your mind. ⁽¹³⁾

Fear is not faith. Fear is the power of the Enemy. Resist his control and influence through fear with the keys! ⁽¹⁴⁾

When fear is present, faith can't grow as it should. ⁽¹⁵⁾

Don't let the Enemy steal your joy or your faith through his temptations to worry. ⁽¹⁶⁾

Fear is more dangerous than stepping out by faith. Fear is what you must drive out. ⁽¹⁷⁾

The worst thing you can do is to yield to the Enemy's spirit of worry. For through worry you not only weaken your faith muscles but you also weaken your body physically. Faith creates. Faith brings life and strength and energy! There is great power in faith. ⁽¹⁸⁾

Carnal reasoning opens the door wide to the Enemy's fear. It can prevent you from having the full faith and boldness needed to set the night ablaze like Gideon so that Satan's minions destroy themselves in panic as you drive them back to Hell. ⁽¹⁹⁾

The Enemy uses fear of the unknown to strike fear and panic in your heart. But all you must do when this happens is claim My power and the keys of faith and trust, which cast out fear and bring calm to your spirit. Claim the keys of peace, of calm, of trust, of resting in Me, and I will calm the storm of your mind and the beating of your heart and I will bring rest to your soul.

Your faith is what will help you to overcome the world. When you have faith, nothing fazes you. You can face your fears, ready to attack. Nothing can stop a man or woman of faith! ⁽²⁰⁾

The Enemy is trying to get you to look at the waves, to worry about each wave and wonder if it will sink the boat. Then another one comes, and you wonder if that will sink the boat, and on and on it goes; you're tossed by every wave that comes. If you allow your carnal mind to take over, you will constantly be "seasick" and tossed by every wave of fear that comes crashing down around you. Whereas if you put your faith in Me, your Captain, and trust that My ship will not sink but will bring you safely to the shore of My Heavenly Kingdom no matter what storms beset it, then you can laugh out loud at each wave that rises high above and threatens to sink your ship, for you have faith in Me and My ability to save and keep you. ⁽²¹⁾

The way to keep such fears from stealing your joy and causing you to worry is to soak yourself in My Word. Through My Words you will gain faith, and that faith will overcome your fear. As you read My Words, I will comfort your heart and give you peace. ⁽²²⁾

My Word will inoculate you against fear and will put a shield of faith around you, which the Enemy cannot penetrate with his spirit of fear.

Fear not, nor be dismayed at the Devil's attacks. For I, the Lord, and My keys of courage do go with you, as you claim them in full faith. March on with Me to full victory! ⁽²³⁾

Refuse to worry. You might think that's easier said than done, but really, don't you have weapons of the spirit that can blast to bits any worries, fears, or concerns that the Enemy would try to weigh you down with? Don't you have the keys to rise above, the gift of faith, praise to see you over the obstacles, prayer to bring about miracles and change, the gift of prophecy to hear My voice, spirit helpers to aid you, and your intimate relationship with Me to dispel all worry and fear? Then why are you worrying?

Worry hampers the "God factor" from working fully, because the "God factor" works on faith, and when you're full of faith you're not heard to worry, fret, or despair. Fight the Enemy offensively in this area by not allowing worry to enter in--by remaining praiseful and positive even when circumstances are not optimal. ⁽²⁴⁾

Whenever you're tempted to worry about the future, that's the time to make a beeline for Me and to strengthen your faith. Everyone is tempted to worry and fear; that's human nature. But you don't have to accept being in a state of worry and fear if you fortify your spirit with faith. Seek Me for My help and answers. Sometimes it can take a lot of time in prayer before you find that place of calm and peace, but when you do, it will bring rest to your mind and spirit. ⁽²⁵⁾

It has been said that bravery is not the absence of fear, but it is the conquest of it, the mastery of it. This is the truth. You will never be free of the temptation to fear. You will never be able to fully cause that "bird" to never come near your head, but you must look above and beyond the fear to Me, to the faith you have in Me and My love for you and My promises to you, and have courage, despite the fear you could face otherwise. You must use the Word and faith and "God's good grain" that is stored in your heart as a ballast during these kinds of storms. ⁽²⁶⁾

Hold onto the key of faith tightly, My loves! Don't allow the Enemy to snatch it out of your grasp. He'll try to, but don't give him your power--which is your faith. Don't surrender your power to the Enemy, because once you succumb to fear and worry, the Enemy will wrap you up so tight in his straitjacket of worry that it will be much more difficult to get free. Don't succumb to the Enemy's scare tactics. Put on your combat fatigues and punch him out! ⁽²⁷⁾

The Ways of the World Weaken Your Faith

The things in the world that are negative, that are detrimental to your spirits, that weaken your faith, that are ungodly, are still to be avoided. The dangers of the negative and ungodly elements of the world are as real as ever. The truth of My Word on this has not changed. You, as Christians, should not dabble in these things. However, not everything in the world is filled with "unrighteousness" or "darkness." ⁽²⁸⁾

I warn those who've moved closer and closer and closer to the ways of the world, those who have lost their pureness and innocence as they've become deceived, thinking that it won't hurt them because they can "take it"--that they are in danger of slipping away altogether. The flame of their faith burns dangerously low, and they must be pulled back to the pillar. They must make a stand to strengthen their convictions against the ways of the world and the sirens of the System. Those who partake of the evils of the Whore and drink in her delicacies with great enthusiasm, losing sight of the vision, the Word, the goal, cannot be in unity with those who continue to give their all to Me and who seek not to be encumbered with the ways of the world, the flesh, the System. ⁽²⁹⁾

Fight Against Discouragement, Bitterness, and Condemnation

As long as you fight against the spirit of the Enemy, his spirit of discouragement, his fears of the future, his spirit of bitterness over events in your life--whether about relationships with others, your ministry, your circumstances, your love life, or whatever--you'll be able to keep the Enemy's lies out of your mind and function more in faith and in My Spirit. ⁽³⁰⁾

Discouragement is one of the Enemy's favorite tools that works against the "God factor." He uses discouragement to weaken your faith and confidence in Me, which then makes you try extra hard in your own strength. Refute the discouraging lies of the Enemy with praise. Wield that unbeatable weapon, and not only will the discouraging thoughts vanish, but the worry you felt will vanish as well, and your faith will increase. ⁽³¹⁾

Discouragement is like a big wall that makes you stop and feel as if you can't go any further. It's like sinking sand that keeps you in the present, sinking in the lies of the Enemy. That's why you've got to fight it with the keys of faith--faith in Me, faith to do My will, and even faith in yourself, faith that I can and will use you despite your weakness and inabilities. ⁽³²⁾

Bitterness is the result of lack of faith, lack of trust, thinking you know better, and self-righteously wanting to judge and rule and cause the other person to suffer as you have suffered. But these attitudes of heart and mind don't bring Me closer, and don't cause My Spirit to reign freely in your life. They don't cause you to draw nigh to Me, that I might draw nigh to you, but instead they have the opposite effect. Bitterness causes you to be distant, unbelieving, and it quenches the flow of your love toward Me. It causes you to be closed and hard and resistant to the flow of My love toward you.

If bitterness is allowed to follow its course, it will only make you weaker and weaker and weaker, and with time, your heart and mind will be more receptive to the doubts of the Enemy. Bitterness is like a plow that plows up the soil of your heart and prepares it for the seeds of the Enemy's evil doubts. So forgive now, that you might find freedom from the Devil's devices.

Bitterness is born in pride; for when you're bitter, you feel that you know better than God. You feel that if you had been God, you never would have allowed it, and things would be different; things would be better. Bitterness is akin to doubt, because those who doubt also feel that they know better. ⁽³³⁾

As you continually strive to accept that all things truly work together for good to you who love Me, this will strengthen your muscles of faith and trust, and in turn will help you to resist the temptations of the Enemy to become resentful toward any situation or person. ⁽³⁴⁾

Don't condemn yourself or allow the Enemy to condemn you. That is his ploy to steal your faith and rob you of the comfort I want to give you. Even if it is My hand directly chastening you, even if you brought it on yourself through disobedience, even if it's because you were off track, I still want to comfort you and help you through it. I love you, and will never leave you or forsake you. I never allow anything that you can't learn from or benefit from in some way, even if it's something you brought on yourself. I still allowed it, and still want to bring good out of it for you, My love. ⁽³⁵⁾

When we yield to the Enemy's condemnation, he effectively cancels out our faith to ask the Lord for victory, because we feel we don't deserve it and thus have no right to ask for it. Like Dad brought out in "The Halloween Wheel" (ML #363), when we give in to the Enemy's lies, discouragement and condemnation, we relinquish our power to fight back. Once you're in the pits of condemnation, it's very hard to climb out, because the Enemy tries to convince you that that's right where you belong. ⁽³⁶⁾

(Apostle Paul speaking:) You must cast aside condemnation, for it chokes out your power. It chokes out the Lord's anointing. It chokes out the faith that you must have in His Love and mercy and forgiveness. Don't waste precious moments, hours, days, weeks, months and years, but do it now, for time is short! Do it now! ⁽³⁷⁾

A Lack of Obedience, A Lack of Prayer, Pride and Sin can also hinder your Faith

Obedience is also an essential ingredient in exercising your faith, so if you aren't being obedient to Me and My Word, then you can't have full faith. Remember, faith and obedience must come first, and then I answer prayer. For example, if you beseech Me for supply but have not done all that I have asked you to, or are even doing things I have asked you not to do, then you cannot ask in full faith nor be fully assured of My answer. I may have mercy and supply anyway, but I am not bound to do so.

Sometimes a lack of obedience will result from a lack of being in tune. For example, I may work behind the scenes to work through a certain person, or in a certain way, or in some new and different method or place, and open a door to you to provide a particular need you have--but you do not enter. Maybe you ignore My check to talk to someone, to ask someone for help, to try some new witnessing method or place or means of ministering.

Even though it is My will to supply for you, I can't do so if you ignore My voice or are not sensitive to it; or you decide that you don't like the look of the open door; or you convince yourself that you've already tried that same approach in the past, and since it didn't seem to work then, it won't work now. This is more a lack of being in tune than a lack of faith, but the results are the same.

A lack of committing things to Me in prayer also hinders your faith from growing. If you don't pray, then I'm limited to what I can do for you in the spirit, which often means that the problems you face seem to drag on indefinitely. When that happens, in your carnal mind you

conclude that My promises to you--whether they are for supply, healing, unity, or whatever your need is--don't actually work. But if you're not praying with fervency and in faith and desperation--the vital factors to effective prayer--then how do you expect to see powerful results?

Prayer requires faith. You have to believe that prayer actually works, and that it's more than just a mundane ritual of spiritual goodness. You have to believe wholeheartedly that as you pray, I go to action on your behalf, even though it may take time before you see the full results. Your faith doesn't waver just because an answer is a long time in coming. And because your faith doesn't doubt, but keeps trusting, then when I do bring the answer, your faith is increased and strengthened. But without a strong purpose and belief in prayer, your faith misses out on the stretching and growth that comes through putting Me on the spot in utter confidence and expecting that I will do the miracle in the way I know is best.

Pride can play a role in limiting the increase of your faith by causing you to feel sufficiently reliant on yourself and your abilities, and thus less likely to see the need to have faith in Me and My promises. Rather than coming to Me and seeking Me when you're faced with a difficulty, pride can make you rush ahead to solve the problem in your own arm of the flesh.

In so doing, your pride eats away at your faith and stunts the growth of your faith, because you rely more confidently on yourself rather than on Me and My power. Therefore, you conclude that the end results of your problem-solving effort had little to do with faith in Me, but instead came more from your own skill and ability. This in turn prevents the flow of faith in your veins, because your spiritual arteries become clogged by your own works rather than the current of My Spirit running through you.

Unconfessed sin, or sin that is allowed to go unchecked, can also hinder your faith. In such instances, it's hard for you to have faith in Me and My Word if you know you are in the wrong in an area of your life and are not fully obeying Me. That in turn can wear away at your faith, because you can't come confidently before My throne expecting an answer (Hebrews 4:16). You instead gingerly tip-toe before Me, hoping that I'll answer, but at the same time feeling guilty about your request if you know you're not sticking to the requirements needed to access My blessings and the fruit of your obedience. (38)

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