Christ Family Church

# BECOMING

## Instructions to the Church
*from the Pastoral Epistles*



***THE CHURCH'S PURSUIT***
*1 Timothy 6:11–16 (ESV)*
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**It is not enough to know what we should stop craving.**
**We must also know what we should start pursuing.**

**1 Timothy 6:11–16:**

11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness,
godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of
the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about
which you made the good confession in the presence of many
witnesses. 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all
things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate
made the good confession, 14 to keep the commandment unstained and
free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which
he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only
Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has
immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever
seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

**What we identify with has a powerful influence on what we pursue.**

**Proposition:**
Because we belong to Christ, we must flee the cravings that draw us away from Him, pursue the character that reflects Him, and fight the good fight of faith until He returns.

And here is our **Driving question:** What does it look like to live a life that belongs to Jesus?

# 1. WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO

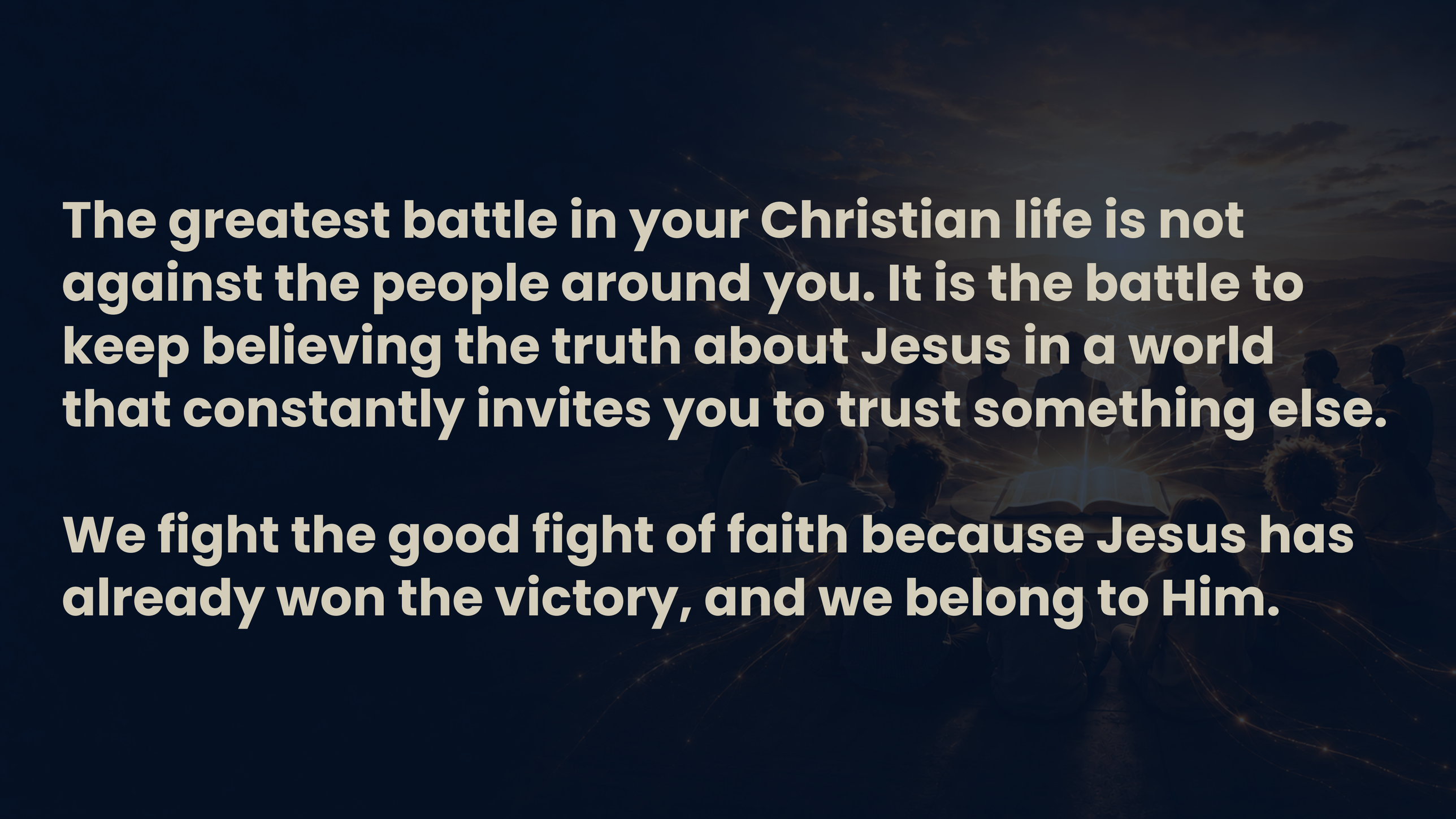
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about which you made the good confession
in the presence of many witnesses.

**Three things that characterize the life of someone who belongs to Jesus.**

**a. We Are Called to Flee Unhealthy Cravings**
verse 11. "But as for you, O man of God, flee these things."

**b. We Are Called to Pursue the Character of Christ**
Look at verse 11 again. "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness."

**c. We Are Called to Fight the Good Fight of Faith**
Look at verse 12. "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."



The greatest battle in your Christian life is not against the people around you. It is the battle to keep believing the truth about Jesus in a world that constantly invites you to trust something else.

We fight the good fight of faith because Jesus has already won the victory, and we belong to Him.

## 2. WHY WE ARE CALLED TO DO IT

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and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate
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**Why do we flee? Why do we pursue? Why do we fight? Three reasons from these verses.**

**a. Because of Who We Are in Christ**
Let's begin by returning to verse 11. "But as for you, O man of God..."

**b. Because of What Jesus Has Done for Us**
Look at verse 13. "I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession..."

**c. Because We Are Waiting for Jesus to Return**
Look at verses 14–16. Paul charges Timothy:

*"to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time..."*

**This is what's happening today through Baptism:**

"Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

Today, Zachary, Dorisa, Maria, and Javier are making that good confession. They will confess Jesus Christ as Lord. And as a church family, we have the privilege of surrounding them, praying for them, encouraging them, and walking with them as they continue pursuing Christ.