

# F.I.G.H.T. to Win

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*"That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So, Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So, Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip." (Genesis 32:22-31; NIV)*

**To overcome sin, I must F.I.G.H.T. to win! I need to...**

## 1. **FOCUS** ON THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

*"Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Afterward Moses would return to the camp, but the young man who assisted him, Joshua son of Nun, would remain behind in the Tent of Meeting." (Exodus 33:11; NLT)*

*"So, humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world." (James 4:7-8; NLT)*

## 2. **INCLUDE** GOD IN MY DECISIONS.

*"Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." (Proverbs 3:6; NLT)*

*"Share your plans with the LORD, and you will succeed." (Proverbs 16:3; CEV)*

### 3. **GET RID OF THE OLD PATTERNS OF LIFE.**

*“Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God--truly righteous and holy.” (Ephesians 4:21-24; NLT)*

*“Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1; NLT)*

### 4. **HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION.**

*“Put on all the armor that God gives, so you can defend yourself against the devil's tricks.” (Ephesians 6:11; CEV)*

*“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13; ESV)*

### 5. **TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK.**

*“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” (John 14:26; ESV)*

*“And He called His twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits.” (Mark 6:7; NLT)*

#### ***Final Thought:***

***Saturating myself in the Presence of God will give me the power I need to prevail over my struggles.***

#### ***Action Step:***

***30 Minutes of alone time with God this week***