

Dealing With Doubts I CL Talks Episode 50

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Psalms 19:14 Amplified: 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my [firm, impenetrable] Rock and my Redeemer.

I. After we pray or prayed for, our fight of faith begins until we receive what we are believing, the answer to our prayer.

A. Why do I have to fight the good fight of faith? Because the devil will come to steal your answer to prayer.

John 10:10 NKJV: 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

1 Timothy 6:12 Amplified : 12 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.

1. Who or what am I fighting against and has God provided protection and weapons?

Ephesians 6:10-18 NLT: 10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. 14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. 15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. 16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. 17 Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

2. What is the devil's number one weapon against a son or daughter of God?

Mark 4:15 NKJV: 15 And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away (makes to doubt) the word that was sown in their hearts.

a. DOUBT: It is the devil's first line of assault, goes all the way to the beginning of God's creation.

Genesis 3:1 NKJV: 1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

Matthew 14:22-31 NKJV: 22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now

when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

3. Peter was in a storm that was designed to take his life. Jesus showed up and Peter ask for a word from the Word. The moment Jesus gave Peter the word, it guaranteed Peter's success!!! Jesus planned on Peter winning and succeeding, all Peter had to do is stay focused on the word of promise and on Jesus. The word of His power upholds all things!! (Hebrews 1:3 NKJV)

Peter lost focus!!! He began to sink because he got his eyes on what he was seeing, hearing, and feeling. Doubts began to form in his mind, then entered his heart and he went from walking out his miracle to sinking and almost drowning but Jesus remained faithful to him. (2 Timothy 2:13 NKJV)

4. What should have been his response?

a. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NKJV:** 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

b. **Joshua 1:7-9 NKJV:** 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."