

HEROES OF  
**FAITH**

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT



# Ex 15:3

The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is His name.

**Craig Groeschel** – *the Lord is not a divine doormat!*



# Fight the Good Fight of Faith

- To **become** who **God** says **we are**
- **Accomplish** what **God** called & equipped **us to do**



"Fight the good fight of faith;  
take hold of the eternal life to which you were called,  
and for which you made the good confession in the  
presence of many witnesses."

**1 Timothy 6:12**





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- Fight – *agonidzo* – agony! Great exertion!
- *Good* – *kalos* – exceptional, highest quality!
- *Fight* – *agon* –
  - *Complete concentration on conflict*
  - *Totally focused on engaging*
  - *Regardless of how long or hard*
  - *Totally committed to victory!*



# Caleb – Good Fight Against Lies



# Numbers 13:1–2 (GNB)

The Lord said to Moses, "Choose one of the leaders from each of the twelve tribes and send them as spies to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites."



When believe fears, fears get bigger, become worse than reality, and the truth disappears.





# Numbers 14:24 (NIV)

But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.



# Joshua 14:11–12 (HCSB)

I am still as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me out. My strength for battle and for daily tasks is now as it was then.<sup>12</sup> Now give me this hill country the Lord promised me on that day, because you heard then that the Anakim are there, as well as large fortified cities. Perhaps the Lord will be with me and I will drive them out as the Lord promised.



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1. **Recognize this is Spiritual fight, not a natural one!**



## 2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (NIV)

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.  
<sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.





**Martin Luther** – *can't stop birds from flying overhead, but don't have  
to let them build a nest in our hair!*



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## 2. Guard Your Heart by what you say and hear

Proverbs 4:20–23 (NLT) My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. <sup>21</sup> Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, <sup>22</sup> for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body. <sup>23</sup> Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.



# Guard Your Heart

Guard what you think and say

Proverbs 4:24 (GNB) Never say anything that isn't true. Have nothing to do with lies and misleading words.

Do my thoughts and words match what God says?



# Guard Your Heart

Guard what you hear

Proverbs 4:24 ... Have nothing to do with lies and misleading words.

Frank Lloyd Wright – Well, why don't you move your chair?





# Fight the Good Fight of Faith

- Become who God created you to be
- Accomplish what God called you to do



# Ephesians 4:22–25 (NLT)

... **throw off your old sinful nature** and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <sup>23</sup> Instead, **let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.** <sup>24</sup> **Put on your new nature, created to be like God**—truly righteous and holy. <sup>25</sup> So **stop telling lies.** Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.



# Fight the Good Fight of Faith

Our DNA is to fight whatever blocking us from believing Jesus whole heartedly and living for Him full force!

- Recognize this is a spiritual war fought with spiritual weapons
- Guard your heart and let Holy Spirit guide what you think, say, and hear



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