HEROES OF FAITH

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

"<u>Fight</u> the good fight of faith; <u>take hold</u> 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

2 KINGS ABANDONED

1 JOHN 3.8

• The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work

EPHESIANS 4.8

• When he ascended on high, he took many captives

GOD IS WORKING

• ROMANS 8.28: AND WE KNOW THAT IN <u>ALL THINGS GOD WORKS</u> FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

• PHIL. 2.13 NLT FOR <u>GOD IS WORKING IN YOU</u>, GIVING YOU THE DESIRE AND THE POWER TO DO WHAT PLEASES HIM.

CONSIDER THIS...

 JAMES 1.2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that <u>the testing of your faith produces</u> <u>perseverance</u>. Let perseverance finish its work <u>so that</u> you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

FAITH TESTED IS GOLDEN

 I PETER 1.6-7 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while <u>you may have</u> had <u>to suffer grief in all</u> <u>kinds of trials</u>. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

ADOPTION

 EPH 1.5 He predestined us for <u>adoption</u> to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

SEATED RIGHT NOW

 EPH. 2.6 For <u>he raised us</u> from the dead along with Christ and <u>seated us with him</u> in the heavenly realms because <u>we are united</u> with Christ Jesus.

DOMINION AND POWER

 2 TIM. 1.7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline

CONTAIN THE DEVIL

 "THE CHURCH CONTAINS THE DEVIL SO HE CANNOT DESTROY THE WORLD. WE ARE THE CONTROLLING FACTOR IN HUMAN AFFAIRS."

KING ZIMRI

• 1 KING 16.8-20

KING DAVID

• 1 SAMUEL 30

STRENGTHENED HIMSELF

 1 SAMUEL 30. 6: David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David <u>found strength</u> in the LORD his God.

INQUIRE OF THE LORD

 1 SAMUEL 30. 8: David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?" "Pursue them," He answered. "You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue."

THE LORD IN BATTLE

 ISAIAH 30, 30-32 ³⁰ The LORD will cause people to hear his majestic voice and will make them see his arm coming down with raging anger and consuming fire, with cloudburst, thunderstorm and hail. ³¹ The voice of the LORD will shatter Assyria; with his rod he will strike them down. ³² Every stroke the LORD lays on them with his punishing club will be to the music of timbrels and harps, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm.

THE WORD ACCOMPLISHES

• ISAIAH 55. 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty but <u>will accomplish</u> what I desire

and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

A PROMISE TO STAND ON

ROMANS 16.20 The God of peace will soon
crush Satan <u>under your feet</u>

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