



**Part 4 – Fighting for Your Family
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Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, "Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!" – Nehemiah 4:14

FIGHTING FOR YOUR FAMILY

1) Fight for an IDENTITY OF FAITH.

Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses. – 1 Timothy 6:12

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. – 2 Timothy 1:5

- **TALK** about faith in Jesus.
- **MODEL** faith in Jesus.
- **Raise the value of THE CHURCH.**

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. ¹⁵ You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.
– 2 Timothy 3:14-15

2) Fight against the ENEMIES and for the RELATIONSHIP.

Meanwhile, our enemies were saying, "Before they know what's happening, we will swoop down on them and kill them and end their work." ¹² The Jews who lived near the enemy came and told us again and again, "They will come from all directions and attack us!" ¹³ So I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows.
– Nehemiah 4:11-13

We worked early and late, from sunrise to sunset. And half the men were always on guard. – Nehemiah 4:21

3) Fight through the DARK DAYS.

Then I explained to the nobles and officials and all the people, "The work is very spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. ²⁰ When you hear the blast of the trumpet, rush to wherever it is sounding. Then our God will fight for us!"
– Nehemiah 4:19-20

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. – 2 Timothy 4:7

- **Question: What are you FIGHTING FOR in 2018?**