

The Struggle for Victory

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You may forget that you are at every moment totally dependent on God - C S Lewis

Deuteronomy 20:4 (NLT)

For the LORD your God is going with you! He will fight for you against your enemies, and he will give you victory!

Assurance - Jesus Calms the Storm

Luke 8:22-25

Trust - Assured resting of the mind on the integrity, veracity (devotion to the truth), justice, friendship or other sound principle of another person, confidence, reliance.

Assurance - The act of making sure or confident.

God wants us to walk in assurance that He is in _____ and confident that anything we face we can rely on Him completely to bring us into _____

Proverbs 3:5 (NLT) *Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.*

Psalms 28:7 (NLT) *The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.*

Psalms 112:7 (NLT) *They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them.*

Hebrews 10:23 (NLT) *Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.*

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) *You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!*

It's so important that we learn to _____ God above our circumstances. Make God Big!

Psalms 34:3 (NLT) *O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.*

_____ on God's Word. Declare Gods word over your life.

Lazarus - Trusting in Gods Timing

John 11:1- 44 Gods timing is _____

Romans 5:3-4 (KJV) *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope*

The _____ of God

How do we enter Gods rest? By _____. Resting can be an act of Faith. We are saying to the Lord, I cannot fix this situation myself but I exercise my faith in you by casting my care upon you and trusting that you will supernaturally work on my behalf.

Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1-8 (NLT) Don't give up!

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!'" Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

Prayer is a _____ weapon! It's important that we exercise this daily.

Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)

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.

So what is our problem with Spiritual Warfare?

1. Fairy Tale: It's just too mystical!
2. Spiritual Paranoia: Unbiblical hyper-spiritualized teaching that there's a demon behind every corner. If I oversleep, it was a pillow demon! One side mocks. The other side gawks.

As Bible believing Christians it is vital that we build our lives on _____

Ephesians 6:10-13 (NLT)

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 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. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armour so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

What is the truth about warfare? _____ is _____ victory.

We don't fight for victory, we fight _____ victory.

Psalm 110:1 (NLT) *The LORD said to my Lord "Sit in the place of honour at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet."*

Romans 8:37 (NLT) *No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.*

Conclusion

Don't give up. God has promised never to forsake us. He is fighting for us.

God is on our side. He is fighting for us and He knows every detail of our lives and the struggles that we face. We need to surrender fully and enter Gods rest. For His rest is sweet, it is good even while we are waiting for an answer to prayer or seeing the tangible results to our victory. With Victory assured, we press on!