

# Catching His Wind: The Fight (Part 1)

By staying in position with God, we'll withstand all opposition!

***The wind of God is the manifestation of His spirit in the earth. The displays of His will, power, and might, that produce His glory. The wind is a representation of His word, His will, His way. It has the power to move and carry those who are willing and obedient. The birds glide on invisible rising air, and we see them soaring. The true children of God can accomplish incredible feats, not by power or might, but by His Spirit. By waiting on the Lord and His wind, we're lifted by His strength and able to achieve a state of rest. A place where we're motionless but still moving because His wind is carrying us. His word never fails to deliver us safely to His promised end. His word never fails to accomplish what His mouth released it to do. However, there will be a fight! A fight to keep trusting Him in the turbulence of life. A fight to keep soaring when the devil's darts pierce our wings of willingness and obedience. A fight to ignore the noise of naysayers, and to cast off the heavy thoughts and cares. A fight to fly high with the Holy Spirit and not abandon His ways. A fight to stay off the ground, walking around in our own power, following our own desires. A fight to humble ourselves and recognize we must again be still, and catch His wind all over again.***

## **2 Peter 1:3-12 New Living Translation**

3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

- "I have everything I need to live a godly life, and I receive it by coming to know Him."

4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

- “I have His great and precious promises enabling me to share His divine nature and escape corruption caused by human desire.

5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God’s promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. 8 The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. 10 So, dear brothers and sisters,[a] work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.

- The world is waiting for us to be revealed as the children of God, so show them, and be led by His Spirit to carry out these instructions.

11 Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **Paying Attention to Scripture**

12 Therefore, I will always remind you about these things—even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught.

### **Crosswinds: Lies**

#### **Lies**

***Just because we have everything we need to live a godly life doesn’t mean there won’t be opposition. God sends His wind that leads us His way, but the devil has wind as well. If God’s wind is powered by truth, what’s the devil’s wind powered by? Lies.***

#### **John 10:10 New King James Version**

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.

- Jesus gives life through truth, while the devil gives death through deception and lies!

***Some lies come from the devil himself, so he is our direct opposition. In the battle of winds, which way will you go? With the truth, or with the lie?***

### **Genesis 2:15-17 New Living Translation**

15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. 16 But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

### **Genesis 3:4 New Living Translation**

4 “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman.

### **Genesis 3:6 New King James Version**

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was [a]pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

- Satan’s lies often work by activating the lust lurking within his subjects. When lust arises, desires that oppose God’s will allow the bait of Satan to look pleasing, and a willingness to disobey begins.

### **How to Fight Satan’s Lies: Know the Truth**

***To fight means to stay in flight! Remaining in God’s will, doing things His way. While a bird is soaring, it appears to be sitting on the wind. Anyone who catches God’s wind S.I.T.S on it.***

### ***Stays In The Spirit***

### **John 8:31-32 New Living Translation**

31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

- Stay in fellowship with the person named Truth, Jesus Christ!

***Other lies come from Satan through false prophets.***

**1 Kings 13:7-24 New Living Translation**

7 Then the king said to the man of God, "Come to the palace with me and have something to eat, and I will give you a gift." 8 But the man of God said to the king, "Even if you gave me half of everything you own, I would not go with you. I would not eat or drink anything in this place. 9 For the Lord gave me this command: 'You must not eat or drink anything while you are there, and do not return to Judah by the same way you came.'" 10 So he left Bethel and went home another way. 11 As it happened, there was an old prophet living in Bethel, and his sons[a] came home and told him what the man of God had done in Bethel that day. They also told their father what the man had said to the king. 12 The old prophet asked them, "Which way did he go?" So they showed their father[b] which road the man of God had taken. 13 "Quick, saddle the donkey," the old man said. So they saddled the donkey for him, and he mounted it. 14 Then he rode after the man of God and found him sitting under a great tree. The old prophet asked him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" "Yes, I am," he replied. 15 Then he said to the man of God, "Come home with me and eat some food." 16 "No, I cannot," he replied. "I am not allowed to eat or drink anything here in this place. 17 For the Lord gave me this command: 'You must not eat or drink anything while you are there, and do not return to Judah by the same way you came.'" 18 But the old prophet answered, "I am a prophet, too, just as you are. And an angel gave me this command from the Lord: 'Bring him home with you so he can have something to eat and drink.'" But the old man was lying to him. 19 So they went back together, and the man of God ate and drank at the prophet's home. 20 Then while they were sitting at the table, a command from the Lord came to the old prophet. 21 He cried out to the man of God from Judah, "This is what the Lord says: You have defied the word of the Lord and have disobeyed the command the Lord your God gave you. 22 You came back to this place and ate and drank where he told you not to eat or drink. Because of this, your body will not be buried in the grave of your ancestors." 23 After the man of God had finished eating and drinking, the old prophet saddled his own donkey for him, 24 and the man of God started off again. But as he was traveling along, a lion came out and killed him. His body lay there on the road, with the donkey and the lion standing beside it.

## How to Fight People's Lies: Test the Spirit

### 1 John 4:1-6 New Living Translation Discerning False Prophets

4 Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. 2 This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet[a] acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. 3 But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here. 4 But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. 5 Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. 6 But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.

## Crosswinds: Storms

### Calamity

***Bad things happen to God's people, but still all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose! You don't have to be doing anything wrong to experience opposing winds. All crosswinds must be permitted by God, and while they come to test us, they more importantly prove Him!***

### Job 1 New Living Translation

1 There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. 2 He had seven sons and three daughters. 3 He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 female donkeys. He also had many servants. He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area. 4 Job's sons would take turns preparing feasts in their homes, and they would also invite their three sisters to celebrate with them. 5 When these celebrations ended—sometimes after several days—Job would purify his children. He would

get up early in the morning and offer a burnt offering for each of them. For Job said to himself, "Perhaps my children have sinned and have cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular practice. 6 One day the members of the heavenly court[a] came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Accuser, Satan,[b] came with them. 7 "Where have you come from?" the Lord asked Satan. Satan answered the Lord, "I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that's going on." 8 Then the Lord asked Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil." 9 Satan replied to the Lord, "Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God. 10 You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is! 11 But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!" 12 "All right, you may test him," the Lord said to Satan. "Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don't harm him physically." So Satan left the Lord's presence. 13 One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother's house, 14 a messenger arrived at Job's home with this news: "Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them, 15 when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." 16 While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." 17 While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news: "Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen your camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." 18 While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "Your sons and daughters were feasting in their oldest brother's home. 19 Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." 20 Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. 21 He said, "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!" 22 In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

## How to Fight Storms: Don't Blame God

### **Job 42:10-13 New Living Translation**

10 When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before! 11 Then all his brothers, sisters, and former friends came and feasted with him in his home. And they consoled him and comforted him because of all the trials the Lord had brought against him. And each of them brought him a gift of money[a] and a gold ring. 12 So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. For now he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 teams of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. 13 He also gave Job seven more sons and three more daughters.

## Fear

### **Mark 4:35-41 New Living Translation Jesus Calms the Storm**

35 As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." 36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). 37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. 38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

- In the middle of the storm, they begin blaming God!

39 When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. 40 Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

## How to Fight Storms: Don't Be Afraid, Have Faith in God