



THE BATTLE
BELONGS TO
YOU

What is your first response....

When you see the next slide, read the words
and pay close attention to your **FIRST**
reaction.

Trial **Battle** **Confusion**
Anxiety **Anxiety** **Suffering**
Trouble **Tribulation** **Worry**
Burden **Trial** **Affliction**
Suffering **Confusion** **Burden**
Tribulation **Trouble** **Battle**
Anxiety

What feelings were stirred up?

Perhaps you felt...

Anxious

Worried

Overwhelmed

Confused

Perplexed

An increased heart rate

Or maybe you felt...

Confident

Assured

Trusting

Faithful

Empowered

Like God's got this

Hebrews 11:1 (NAS)

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

Hebrews 11:6 (NAS)

6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Hebrews 11:7 (NAS)

7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Hebrews 11:8-10 (NAS)

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;

Hebrews 11:17 (NAS)

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son;

Hebrews 11:23-27 (NAS)

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. 24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

	Battles	Faith
Noah	Things not yet seen	Prepared Condemned Became an heir of righteousness
Abraham	Not knowing where he was going Alien in a foreign land Dwelling in tents Tested	Obedied Went Lived Offering up his only begotten son
Moses	King's edict (murder of Hebrew children) Ill treatment Wrath of the king	Refused Choosing Endure/Persevere Looking for reward Left Egypt Not fearing

Hebrews 11:32-38 (NAS)

32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; 36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

	Battles	Faith
Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets, women	Tortured Experienced mockings, scourgings, chains, and imprisonment Were stoned Were sawn Were tempted Put to death Destitute Afflicted Ill-treated Wandering	Conquered Performed Obtained promises Shut Quenched Escaped Were made strong Put Received Obtain a better resurrection



What is faith?

James 2:14-19 (NIV)

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have **faith but has no deeds**? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but **does nothing** about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, **faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.**

18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and **I will show you my faith by my deeds.** 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the **demons believe** that—and shudder.

Faith	Belief
pístis - conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it (Thayer)	pisteúō - to think to be true, to be persuaded of, to credit, place confidence in (Thayer)
Action	Thought
Active and Alive	Stagnant, Does Nothing

James 2:20-26 (NIV)

20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that **faith without deeds is useless**? 21 Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that **his faith and his actions were working together**, and his **faith was made complete by what he did**. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. 24 You see that **a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone**.

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Action	Thought
Active and Alive - made complete through action	Stagnant, Does Nothing
Together with action produces righteousness	Does not produce righteousness

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the **gift** of God— 9 **not by works**, so that **no one can boast**. 10 For **we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

Hebrews 11:39 (NAS)

39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, **did not receive what was promised**, 40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.



Who does the battle
belong to...

...and how are you going
to respond?