

## PLAYLIST OF THE DECADES 1980's September 16, 2018

*Don't Stop Believing* - ...Strangers waiting up and down the Blvd.; Their shadow searchin in the night; Streetlight people, living just to find emotion; Hiding somewhere in the night...

Don't stop believing; hold on to that feeling...

### **ENDURE, KEEP BELIEVING & STAY IN THE FIGHT!**

**John 10:10** The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

**1 Peter 5:8** Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. **9** Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith...

**2 Timothy 2:3,4 & 10** Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. **4** Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they can't please the officer who enlisted them... **10** I'm willing to endure anything if it'll bring salvation & eternal glory in Christ Jesus...

\*The Lone Survivor's a story about Marcus Luttrell, Navy Seal who with 3 soldiers took on an impossible mission against the Taliban in Afghanistan

\*4 men fought against hundreds of the enemy; 1 was shot & wounded, Luttrell calls out, "Can you still fight? **Then get back in the fight!**"

\*Our mission in life sometimes gets complicated, confusing and even hurtful, "Can you still fight? **Then get back in the fight!**"

*\*It's a good fight, a fight of faith, a fight for the eternal.*

**Matthew 10:34** "Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword. (Ultimately Jesus brought peace, but for the immediate, there was going to be conflict)

**Ephesians 6:10** Be strong in the Lord & in His mighty power. **11** Put on all of God's armor so that you'll be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. **12** We're not fighting against flesh & blood enemies, but against evil rulers & authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world & against evil spirits in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you'll be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you'll still be standing firm. **14** Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth & the body armor of God's righteousness. **15** For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you'll be fully prepared. **16** In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. **17** Put on salvation as your helmet, & take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. **18** Pray in the Spirit at all times & on every occasion. Stay alert & be persistent...

**1 Timothy 6:12** Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you...

**James 4:7** Humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, & he'll flee from you. **8** Come close to God, & God will come close to you...

*We remember & do our **mission** because it's important & eternal!*

**Joshua 1:1** After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua, Moses' assistant. He said, Moses my servant is dead. So, the time has come for you to lead these people... **5** No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I'll be with you as I was Moses. I'll not fail or abandon you. Be strong & courageous, you're the one who'll lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I'd give them. **7** Be strong & very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Don't deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you'll be successful in everything you

do. 8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day & night so you'll be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper & succeed in all you do. 9 This is my command—be strong & courageous! Don't be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

We must examine & know the things in our life that are important:

What really matters to you & God? What adds to your life & family mission? What things do you do that are outside your mission?

**John 4:34** Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing His work. (Mission)

**1 Corinth 9:26** I run with purpose in every step I'm not just *shadowboxing* 27 I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should...

Realize the enemy would like you to do anything except things that are important to God & eternity. Such as:

1. Doing things that aren't a part of your mission
2. Worrying about things you can't change
3. Focusing on things that will not help you move forward

So much in our lives and world are not important:

\***Urgent, not important** – other people's drama, problems, distractions

\***Not urgent, not important** – tv, gaming, social media, entertainment

\***Urgent, important** – family crisis, personal emergencies, deadlines

\***Not urgent, important** – prayer, education, family, exercise, planning

Put your best **FOCUS & ENERGY** on that which is important.

Focus = attention, thought, concentration, emphasis, prayer, priority

Energy = passion, desire, give your best, commitment, conviction, drive

**Galatians 6:9** Let's not get tired of doing what's good. At just the right time we'll reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

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

### **VICTORY Promises**

**Isaiah 54:17** ...no weapon turned against you will succeed....

**Nehemiah 8:9** Don't be dejected & sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!

**Romans 8:31** ...If God is for us, who can ever be against us?...

**37**...overwhelming victory is ours through Christ..."

**2 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV** Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ.

**Philippi 4:13** I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

**Hebrews 11:32** It'd take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Samson, David, Samuel & all the prophets. **33** By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice & received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions; quenched the flames of fire; escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle & put whole armies to flight.

**1 John 4:4** You've already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

**1 John 5:4** For every child of God defeats this evil world & we achieve this victory through our faith!

**Jude 20 AMP** build yourselves up, *founded* on your most holy faith (make progress, rise like an edifice higher & higher) praying in the Holy Spirit.