

I BELIEVE: The Fight of Faith
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Hebrews 6:1-6 NKJ

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

1 Timothy 6:11-12 NKJ

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Timothy 4:7 NKJ

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

1 John 5:4 NKJ

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

FAITH: the assurance that what God promises in His Word is true and that He will act in accordance to what He has promised

Understanding the Fight:

1. The fight wages between the head and the heart.

Two Kinds of Faith:

1. Head Faith
2. Heart Faith

HEAD FAITH: I believe it as long as it agrees with my mind.

HEART FAITH: I believe it because the Word says it.

Romans 10:8-10 NKJ

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Believing with the Head Subjects You To:

1. Human reasoning
2. Human emotion
3. Human strength

Proverbs 3:5-10 NKJ

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones. Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

2. The fight wages between fear and faith.

Psalms 27:1 NKJ

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Proverbs 29:25 NKJ

The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJ

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Joshua 1:6-9 NKJ

“Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

3. The fight wages between your circumstances and God’s promises.

Mark 11:22-24 NKJ

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

1 John 5:14-15 NKJ

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Three Keys to Fight the Fight of Faith:

1. Find out what God promises in His Word.
2. Speak the promise instead of the problem.
3. Believe the promise is greater than the problem.

Romans 4:13, 17-22 NKJ

For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith...(as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations" in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness.")