

## NOVEMBER 2018:

### Still Reading:

- ***Experiencing the Impossible***, by Bill Johnson.
- ***The Passion Translation: The New Testament (2nd Edition)***, by Brian Simmons.
- ***Infinite Potential: What Quantum Physics Reveals about How We Should Live***, by Lothar Schafer
- ***The Stand***, by Stephen King
- ***The Bean Trees***, by Barbara Kingsolver
- ***Frankenstein***, by Mary Shelley
- ***The Demonologist***, by Gerald Brittle
- Poetry
- ***The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up***, by Marie Kondo
- ***That Hideous Strength***, by C. S. Lewis
- ***Invisible***, by James Patterson and David Ellis
- ***Good Omens***, by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett

### Finished:

- ***The Talisman***, by Stephen King. This was a very long book. Valuable strictly for training. He did make me care about a character named "Wolf." There were two "worlds" and I feel he did a great job of flipping back and forth between them.
- ***The Physics of Angels***, by Matthew Fox and Rupert Sheldrake. This was a great book based primarily on the writings of Thomas Aquinas on angels. I found that it resonated with certain thoughts I've had

about angel specifics, as well as giving me new ideas to ponder.

- ***Breaking the Habit of Being Yourself: How to Lose Your Mind and Create a New One***, by Dr. Joe Dispenza. Some interesting research on the importance of one's feelings being in line with one's thoughts when it comes to overcoming adversity and reaching goals. It is not a Christian book (nor anti-Christian), but it provokes one to contemplate former failures that may have been due to thinking/saying one thing but feeling its opposite.
- ***The Handmaid's Tale***, by Margaret Atwood. Ugh. Spoiler alert! If it weren't for the **Master Class** lessons by **Margaret Atwood** I'm listening to (where she refers to this book), the time I spent reading this would be a waste. She drags you through this mostly narrated story (first person) which is depressing, only to leave the ending open and jump into the future to some historians finding the book in the form of a journal and commenting on it. So, so, so do not like for a writer to do this to me. I will finish her master class, but I doubt I'll ever read another of her novels! That said...as I was putting in the link for Margaret Atwood, I saw that she's coming out with a sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale* in September 2019. does this mean she will **finish** the story? I may have to recant, if so, and read it. If any of you have watched *The Handmaid's Tale* (on Netflix?) please comment and let me know what you think of it.
- ***The Believer's Authority***, by Kenneth E. Hagin. A short devotional-type book I gleaned much from. This quote from Hagin's book reminded me of the topic of my devotional this month on Saul's fear:

"The Bible says that we also can take authority over fear—even fear in our own lives. We need to know that.

Second Timothy 1:7 says, '*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*' Notice that the Bible calls fear a spirit. God has given us a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind.

Even when I was a young Baptist pastor, I always took authority over fear and doubt. If I was tempted to doubt, I would say, 'Doubt, I resist you in the Name of Jesus.' If I was tempted to fear, I would say, 'Fear, I resist you in

the Name of Jesus.' Doubt and fear will leave you when you do this." (pp. 74-75)