

## 5-27-2026 – Fighting Battles

Encouragement/Soul!

We all have battles. Most battles we face are **battles of faith**.

“Fight the good fight of the faith.” – [1 Tim. 6:12](#)

In most of our battles . . . there’s nothing we can do. Frustrating.

We’re not the doctor. The administrator. Judge. Insurance adjuster.

No control over neighbor. Boss. Co-worker. Family member. Friend.

We are **Fighting a Battle of faith**. . . it’s a **spiritual battle**.

The struggle is against what’s **unseen** – an **unknown future/known** Enemy.

- This is when the Enemy comes . . . whispers . . . you’re afraid.

The **Enemy** of our life is a **Liar**.

Jesus said, “there is no truth in him.” He’s the “**Father of lies**.” - **John 8:44**

- **He’s also a thief**. - **John 10:10**.

○ **Thief’s purpose** is to steal your joy, peace, calm . . .

○ He’ll try to steal your faith. . . your calm assurance that God. . .

- **Enemy works thru people** & creates situations . . . our battles!

What you’re fighting is a “**good fight**.”

This is a noble & worthy struggle; the most important one.

- More important than a football game; the CWS; neighborhood war.

The **good fight of the faith** is in **the mind**. It’s **not a physical battle**.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, **to stand**.” – **Eph. 6:12-13**.

So the tools you need to fight this battle aren’t guns/knives.

“You need the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist . . . and “take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” – vs. **14, 16**.

**Truth?** That’s the word of God.

**Shield of faith?** Deflects; holds off... those thoughts don’t penetrate.

Faith – “is **confidence** in what we **hope for** and **assurance** about what we **do not see**.” – [Heb. 11:1](#)

Share **3 ways** to get through the battle with faith & hope.

**#1 – Bible.** It builds faith. Stories/words for encouragement.

- The way you fight/good fight – is stand on the Bible.

Bible reminds us - “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.” – **John 1:5**

**Light always wins.** God wins. . . so we are victorious.

Bible says - **Rom. 8:31** – “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

[Romans 8:28](#) – “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.”

**Rom. 8:37** – “in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

**Get your scripture. Stand on it.**

**#2** – Always Remember - **You are never alone.** God is always in it with us.

**Daniel 3** -<sup>5</sup> “When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar’s gold statue. <sup>6</sup> Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”

- <sup>12</sup> – But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—paid no attention;

- They **refused** to “worship the gold statue” Nebuchadnezzar set up.

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, **we do not need to defend ourselves before you.** <sup>17</sup> If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve **is able to save us.** He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. <sup>18</sup> But **even if he doesn’t,** we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.”

- King “flew into a rage” – ordered it 7 times hotter. So hot, killed soldiers
  - Tied up, fully dressed, in the furnace.
  - <sup>25</sup> “Look!” Nebuchadnezzar shouted. “I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!” . . . they came out. . . <sup>27</sup>... “saw that the fire had not touched them. Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn’t even smell of smoke!”
- **God is 4<sup>th</sup> man in the fire w/ you.** He’s the reason you got out.

○ Fire? Wish it away. But it’s there we **grow**; tested & refined.

“Your faith will be like gold that has been tested in a fire. And these trials will prove that your faith is worth much more than gold that can be destroyed. They will show that you will be given praise and honor and glory when Jesus Christ returns.” – [1 Peter 1:7](#)

**#3 – Desire Peace – Let it Rule!** To live in fear or in faith is up to you.

[Colossians 3:15](#) – “And **let the peace** that comes from Christ **rule in your hearts.** For as members of one body you are called to live in peace.”

If you can “LET” it... you can control it. Take every thought captive!

Ask -Is this the Enemy/seeds of doubt? Or Word of truth.

(Belt of Truth)

**Put on the full armor of God . . . so you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”**

When you have done all you can do, **just stand.**

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Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid. Stand firm and see the LORD’s salvation He will provide for you today; for the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again.” – [Exodus 14:13](#)