



The Good Fight of Faith! Review

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1 Timothy 1:18 This charge, son Timothy, I put to you, in keeping with the prophecies already made about you, so that by these prophecies you may fight the good fight, armed with trust (Faith) and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, some have made shipwreck of their trust (Faith);

Faith is a process:

- The process of faith!
- It must be fought for, you must see it through to the end.
- It requires “faithfulness” aka continued perseverance, obedience and belief...
- It requires a word or promise from God to have “faith” and “hope” in.
- Faith is NOT:
 - A magic word, if I say the right “phrase” etc...
 - A snap of the fingers or instantaneous
 - Or a magic wand for you to use at your leisure
 - It's not a “one and done” “belief only” – faith requires “action” **James 2:14-26**

Yahweh's will be done: SHEMA

John 5:19-20 Therefore, Yeshua said this to them: "Yes, indeed! I tell you that the Son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; whatever the Father does, the Son does too. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he does; and he will show him even greater things than these, so that you will be amazed.

John 5:30 I can't do a thing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is right; because I don't seek my own desire, but the desire of the one who sent me.

John 8:28-29 So Yeshua said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM [who I say I am], and that of myself I do nothing, but say only what the Father has taught me. Also, the One who sent me is still with me; he did not leave me to myself, because I always do what pleases him." (Psa 51 "take not")

John 12:49-50 For I have not spoken on my own initiative, but the Father who sent me has given me a command, namely, what to say and how to say it. And I know that his command is eternal life. So what I say is simply what the Father has told me to say."

John 14:10 Don't you believe that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me? What I am telling you, I am not saying on my own initiative; the Father living in me is doing his own works.

Why God uses us:

- God must use people, because he gave authority to Man:

Gen 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in the likeness of ourselves; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth." So God created humankind in his own image; in the image of God he created him: male and female he created them.

- Even creation, a dual prophecy:

Psa 8:3-9 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place - what are mere mortals, that you concern yourself with them; humans, that you watch over them with such care? You made him but little lower than the angels, you crowned him with glory and honor, you had him rule what your hands made, you put everything under his feet - sheep and oxen, all of them, also the animals in the wilds, the birds in the air, the fish in the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas. Adonai! Our Lord! How glorious is your name throughout the earth!

- Hinting at Messiah, and us following in His authority. (Authority chain structure.) Yeshua ascended to His "Heavenly Ministry" and charged us with leading His earthly one to us, through Him! Psa 119:105 & Psa 119:114

The “Father of Faith” Abraham

- God had a long-term plan to use Abraham to bring many into His covenants:
Gal 3:15-16 (Messiah) & **Gal 3:26-29** (We are heirs)
- God went after Abraham not because he deserved to be chased.
Josh 24:2-3 They worshiped a group of Gods! Many times, we say “*I found God*”. God finds us!
- Abrams journey starts with leaving a household = Shalom vs Chaos. **Gen 12:1-5**
Gen 12:9-13 Easy stages, then famine to discourage – missteps of faith.
- We are imperfect in our walk, just don’t give up! **Gen 13:1-2**
- God places us in spots He needs us (not surrounded by saints)! **Gen 12:6-8**
- “Chuppah” of protection: **Josh 24:15b** & **Acts 16:31** (Households)

Staying in fellowship

- Abraham early on in his walk of faith with God builds three alters to “call on the name of the Lord” Gen 12:7-8 & Gen 13:8

Gen 12:7 Adonai appeared to Avram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to Adonai, who had appeared to him. He left that place, went to the hill east of Beit-El and pitched his tent. With Beit-El to the west and `Ai to the east, he built an altar there and called on the name of Adonai.

- He “maintains” his relationship, works to keep up communication and fellowship with him.
- Our greatest work that we are called to do is to stay in fellowship with God!
- That means we go after His word, read scriptures, pray...

The “Father of Faith”

- God keeps planting a “hope” in Abrahams heart about having many descendants: **Gen 12:7** & **15:1-6** (All faith starts with hope)
- Abraham knows it will come true but doesn't know how. He tries to usher it in himself “helping God”. **Gen 16:1-4**
- Not great faith, “taking a step of their own,” yet God still blessed them and the situation as much as it could have been.
- He later says that Sarah will be the fulfilment of this, not Hagar/Ishmael: **Gen 17:15-19**
- Gods never late. And if God holds something up, it's because He has something better in mind! Remind yourself of that!

Release of Faith

- God changes situations with a “word” (Something to confess) **Gen 17:1-6&Rom 4:17**
- Gives us something to believe in! **Gen 17:15-19** and verse **21 = Rom 10:8-11**
“Yeshua is Lord” & “Yeshua is raised from the dead” Those are FACTS!
 - ❑ Where we get into trouble is when we try to say something we aren’t sure of and/or God did not give us that thing to believe.
 - ❑ “Copycat faith” When we don’t hear, because we don’t have a relationship with the Lord! Imagin Abraham’s walk without Gods voice
- This “name change” is also our fight of faith: **Rev 2:17 & Rev 3:12**
- Abraham our example! **Romans 4:16-22**
- God waited until the situation was hopeless! (impotence/age). **Heb 11:11-12**
- Abraham’s fight of faith was 1 year, 24 years of building hope & faith prior.
- Resurrection spoken: **Heb 11:17-19, Rom 8:10-11 & John 5:25-29**

Victories in Faith!

- All victories of faith come when:

1. We have something to believe (From God)

2. Something to confess (Say) (From God)

- (Homologia – Same Words).

- These words are most commonly delivered through the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit). **1Cor 2:10-12**

Faith is about relationship

- Faith isn't a magic wand to wave at tough situations, or a tool to gain something wanted. Rather....
- Faith is the vehicle that achieves Gods will, His desires and calling. But faith operates through a personal relationship with Yahweh, the God of Israel, through Yeshua the Messiah, King of Israel.

Act 8:18-22 Shim'on saw that the Spirit was given when the emissaries placed their hands on them, and he offered them money. "Give this power to me, too," he said, "so that whoever I place my hands on will receive the Ruach HaKodesh." But Kefa said to him, "Your silver go to ruin — and you with it, for thinking the free gift of God can be bought! You have no part at all in this matter; because in the eyes of God, your heart is crooked. So, repent of this wickedness of yours and pray to the Lord. Perhaps you will yet be forgiven for holding such a thought in your heart.

- We treat faith the same way!

Faith is about relationship

- A great Biblical example of this is the Cohan Gadol Eli. Eli was a decent man, but he was too permissive with his own sons, he never restrained them. He protected them and only protested their wrongdoing. (1Sam 2:24-25)

1Sa 2:12 `Eli's sons were scoundrels who had no regard for Adonai.

- Hofni & Pinchas had no regard for Yahweh's portion 1Sam 2:13-17
- They had relations with women at the door of the tent of meeting 1Sam 2:22
- His sons never had a relationship with Yahweh! They were wicked!
- When Gods presence is with you, there is victory! Deut 20, Josh 3:13, 4:18, ch6 1Sam 4:4-8 & 1Sam 5:4
- If God is NOT with you, defeat is certain: 1Sam 4:10-11. Ichabod 1Sam 4:21-22
- Faith flows out of a deep relationship with Yahweh. Without a relationship, we will never taste victory and taint others view of the process of faith.

Power flows through Relationship

- God had led Sha'ul through an incredible journey of faith, this led to...

Act 19:11-12 God did extraordinary miracles through Sha'ul. For instance, handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were brought to sick people; they would recover from their ailments; and the evil spirits would leave them.

- Sons of Skeva showing their Copycat © faith: No Authority, no relationship!

Act 19:13-20 Then some of the Jewish exorcists who traveled from place to place tried to make use of the name of the Lord Yeshua in connection with people who had evil spirits. They would say, "I exorcise you by the Yeshua that Sha'ul is proclaiming!" One time, seven sons of a Jewish cohen gadol named Skeva were doing this; and the evil spirit answered them. It said, "Yeshua I know. And Sha'ul I recognize. But you? Who are you?" Then the man with the evil spirit fell upon them, overpowered them and gave them such a beating that they ran from the house, naked and bleeding. When all this became known to the residents of Ephesus, fear fell on all of them, Jews and Greeks alike; and the name of the Lord Yeshua came to be held in high regard. Many of those who had earlier made professions of faith now came and admitted publicly their evil deeds; and a considerable number of those who had engaged in occult practices threw their scrolls in a pile and burned them in public. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, it came to fifty thousand drachmas. Thus the message about the Lord continued in a powerful way to grow in influence.

Maintaining a living union

- Joh 15:1-6 "I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. Every branch which is part of me but fails to bear fruit, he cuts off; and every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes, so that it may bear more fruit. Right now, because of the word which I have spoken to you, you are pruned. Stay united with me, as I will with you — for just as the branch can't put forth fruit by itself apart from the vine, so you can't bear fruit apart from me. "I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who stay united with me, and I with them, are the ones who bear much fruit; because apart from me you can't do a thing. Unless a person remains united with me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up. Such branches are gathered and thrown into the fire, where they are burned up.
- We are connected to him, like a vine to the roots! (His words, not ours)
- “*Abide in me, and I in you*” reminds me of : Psa 91:1-7 v14-16 (Passover)

The Power of the Word of God

- We're not giving the Spirit the opportunity to help if we don't put the word in the word in our mouth and keep it in mind.

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Ruach HaKodesh, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything; that is, he will remind you of everything I have said to you.

- Reminds us of what to confess – the power of confession! (Homo-logao)
- Write it down, take notes, clutter your house, leave reminders
- The POWER comes from HIS WORD
- The helper reminds us of the right word at the right time!
- Picking what you want or at Random shows lack of relationship.

Yeshua the WORD

Heb 4:12 See, the Word of God (Logos) is alive! It is at work and is sharper than any double-edged sword — it cuts right through to where soul meets spirit and joints meet marrow, and it is quick to judge the inner reflections and attitudes of the heart.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of deliverance; along with the sword given by the Spirit, that is, the Word of God (Rhema);

- Logos: Word in its entirety (John 1:1-4)
- Rhema: Utterance, spoken word
- When we utter a scripture through the leading of the Spirit, we are deploying the Power of Yeshua into our situations!

Using the Sword of the Spirit!

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- The SWORD (Spoken word) belongs to the Ruach (Spirit) of God. The Spirit reminds us of the right word at the right time!
- It's a "two edged" sword (Doubled Edged)!
- One edge when God Speaks it
- One edge when you repeat it
- It must be driven by the Spirit! That's why it's the sword of the Spirit!

Keep a sharp Sword!

- Temptation is designed to kill us! **Mathew 4:1-11** Example
 - Just as sin in the Garden led to Humanity's death

Mat 4:10-11 "Away with you, Satan!" Yeshua told him, "For the Tanakh says, 'Worship Adonai your God, and serve only him.' " Then the Adversary let him alone, and angels came and took care of him.

- God wants to help us too! But we must resist, stand up and fight!

James 4:7 Therefore, submit to God. Moreover, take a stand against the Adversary, and he will flee from you.

- Yeshua's sharp Sword: **Rev 1:16, 2:12 & 19:20-21**
- Feed your Spirit, keep a sharp Sword: **2Chron 16:9, 1Sam 30:6, Zech 10:12 & Eph 6:10**

The “seed” of faith:

- Yeshua taught that the Kingdom of God operates like a seed. We do the sowing under His direction; then He makes it happen. We don't know how! **Mark 4:26-29**
- The earth is built on a **WORD** of faith (**Gen 1, Heb 1, John 1, Eph 1 & Col 1**) and the earth is ordained to bring forth a harvest of faith just like produce.

Mar 4:30-32 Yeshua also said, “How should we picture the kingdom of God? Or by what story shall we present it? It is like a mustard seed when it's planted in the ground.

Though the smallest of all seeds in the earth, yet when planted it grows up and becomes the largest of all the herbs. It puts forth big branches, so the birds of the air can nest in its shade.”

- Yeshua is not emphasizing the size/quantity of faith here, but rather the operation of faith. We get so distracted by the size only...
- Just as a seed produces without knowledge of how, have faith that a seed will bring forth what it has been commissioned and ordained to bring; a particular kind of crop. *“The land brought forth grass, green plants yielding seed, each according to its species, and trees making fruit with the seed in it, each according to its species.” Genesis 1:12a*
- There is power in the seed!

Faith works like a seed:

Isa 55:10-11 For just as rain and snow fall from the sky and do not return there, but water the earth, causing it to bud and produce, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so is my WORD that goes out from my mouth — it will not return to me unfulfilled; but it will accomplish what I intend, and cause to succeed what I sent it to do."

Mark 4:10-14 When Yeshua was alone, those around Him with the Twelve started asking Him about the parables. And He told them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God. But for those who are outside, everything is in parables, so that 'Seeing, they may see and not perceive, and hearing, they may hear and not understand, so they may not turn back and be forgiven.'" He said to them, "Don't you grasp this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the WORD (Logos).

Be a “SOWER” of the WORD!

- Sow Gods word through the Spirit, not your “own” seed focusing on “non weighty” matters (Matt 23:24 + Deut 6:4)
- We reap what we sow, sow what God sowed in you: Gal 6:7-8 & 2Cor 9:10
- Good Fruit! Psa 1:3, Ezek 47:12 & Rev 22:2
- If God tells us to sow a ministry, a business, a relationship, etc.. It will produce the seed after its own kind “in season” (at the proper time).
- And YES, a small WORD (Seed) from God grows into a mighty tree!

We sow the seed of the WORD on earth:

- Where do we sow the seed of the WORD? On earth: **Mat 18:19-20**

Rom 9:28-29 For Adonai will carry out His word upon the earth, bringing it to an end and finishing quickly.” And just as Isaiah foretold, “Unless Adonai-Tzva’ot had left us seed, we would have become like Sodom and resembled Gomorrah.”

God designed the earth to respond to His WORD, because by His WORD He created the earth! That’s why the earth responds to the WORD of God.

- On the earth we sow seeds of faith, we pray and speak in this earth by the Spirit. When we sow the weight of the dirt is greater than the seed, but He wants to show us that if we fight the seed prevails!
- The seed of the woman overcomes that of the serpent! **Gen 3:15/Rev 12:17**

Faith Process Recap (**1Cor 13**)

- Love → God's motive for us (Those in Covenant with Him)
 - Hope → It's the desire (From God, placed within us)
 - Release → Spoken word (From God, we may need to repeat confess)
 - Fight → Our task (Usually ignored, we tend to focus on results not fight)
 - Manifestation → It's the realization of the promise!
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- We are usually aware of the release and manifestation (realization of the promise), but we tend to overlook the fight.
 - You cannot get to where you are going with God unless you know about the fight in faith!

Fight the Good Fight to the end!

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Messiah.

1Jn 5:4 For everyone born of God overcomes the world. And the victory that has overcome the world is this—our faith.

2Tim 4:6-8 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. In the future there is reserved for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not to me only, but also to everyone who has longed for His appearing.

Win Victories of Faith – Hall of Faith!

Heb 11:33-40 By faith they conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, and made foreign armies flee. Women received their dead raised back to life; and others were tortured, after not accepting release, so they might obtain a better resurrection. Others experienced the trial of mocking and scourging—yes, and even chains and prison. They were stoned, they were sawed in two, they were murdered with the sword. They went around in sheepskins and goatskins; they were destitute, afflicted, mistreated. The world was not worthy of them! They wandered around in deserts and mountains, caves and holes in the ground. And all these, though commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised— because God had provided something better for us, so that only with us would they reach perfection.

Shabbat Shalom

QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS

I HOPE YOU WERE
ENCOURAGED THROUGH THIS
SERIES!

***I HAVE FOUGHT THE
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2 TIMOTHY 4:7

