



# The Good Fight of Faith!

## Part 10

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1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you testified so well to your faith before many witnesses.

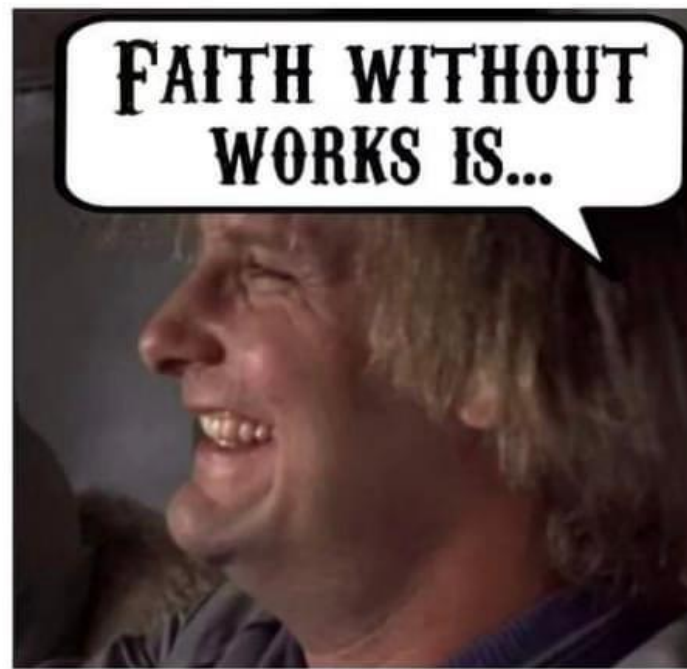
1 Timothy 1:18 This charge, son Timothy, I put to you, in keeping with the prophecies already made about you, so that by these prophecies you may fight the good fight, armed with trust (Faith) and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, some have made shipwreck of their trust (Faith);

# 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**

# Faith as a Meme:

- James 2:17-18 Thus, faith by itself, unaccompanied by actions, is dead. But someone will say that you have faith and I have actions. Show me this faith of yours without the actions, and I will show you my faith by my actions!



# Recap:

- Faith (Like the Spirit) flows from relationship, cant be used as you wish **Act 8:18-22**
- Hofni & Pinchas vs Samuel. Arrogance vs Relationship **1Sam Chapters 2 & 4**
- Hofni & Pinchas die, the ark goes into exile (Ichavod) **1Sam 4:4-11** (Compromise)
- Faith is not a tool to use God as an “errand boy” to get what we want!
- Copycat Faith © “I can pick that tool up and use it like others have” or “I can quote some verses I like to get a result I desire”
- Relationship with YHWH changes our desires to His: **Mark 11:24-26, 1John 5:14-15 & Rom 8:26-28**
- Real relationship (Sha’ul) **Act 19:11-12** vs Copycat © Faith (Skeva) **Act 19:13-20**
- Maintaining a “Living Union” He is the vine, we are connected to him for life!
- **John Chapter 15** Abide in Him and He puts His word in us!
- Graduate to the “meat of the word” **Mat 5:6** (Hunger) & **Heb 5:11-14**

# Faith from Relationship:

- Faith is tool that God uses to change physical circumstances, something that through relationship we learn to use with God.
- This flows solely from an intimate relationship with YHWH through Yeshua! If we use “faith” without relationship its empty and hollow.

Joshua 1:8-9 Yes, keep this book of the Torah on your lips, and meditate on it day and night, so that you will take care to act according to everything written in it. Then your undertakings will prosper, and you will succeed. Haven't I ordered you, 'Be strong, be bold'? So don't be afraid or downhearted, because Adonai your God is with you wherever you go."

Psa 1:2, Psa 119:15, v27, v48, v99, v148



# Faith from Relationship:

- Someone else (through the Ruach) usually helps us start our walk of Faith, then we pursue and develop a relationship of our own. Beyond a teacher, beyond a church or synagogue.

Joshua 1:8a Yes, keep this book of the Torah on your lips, and meditate on it day and night (It shall not depart from your mouth!)

- Meditate הָגָה
- hāgāh haw-gaw'
- A primitive root (compare H1901); to murmur (in pleasure or anger); by implication to ponder: - imagine, meditate, mourn, mutter, roar, X sore, speak, study, talk, utter.
- To chew the cud – absorb – That of a Kashrut Animal

# Always Meditating on His Words

- Even when you are doing other things, you are contemplating something from or about God's word. The Power of the Tongue:

James 3:5-12 So too the tongue is a tiny part of the body, yet it boasts great things. See how a little fire sets a whole forest ablaze! Yes, the tongue is a fire, a world of wickedness. The tongue is so placed in our body that it defiles every part of it, setting ablaze the whole of our life; and it is set on fire by Gehennom itself. For people have tamed and continue to tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures; but the tongue no one can tame — it is an unstable and evil thing, full of death-dealing poison! With it we bless Adonai, the Father; and with it we curse people, who were made in the image of God. Out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing! Brothers, it isn't right for things to be this way. A spring doesn't send both fresh and bitter water from the same opening, does it? Can a fig tree yield olives, my brothers? or a grapevine, figs? Neither does salt water produce fresh.



# Meditating turns into action

Psa 19:14 May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your presence, Adonai, my Rock and Redeemer.

Heb 6:10-12 For God is not so unfair as to forget your work and the love you showed for him in your past service to his people — and in your present service too. However, we want each one of you to keep showing the same diligence right up to the end, when your hope will be realized; so that you will not become sluggish, but will be imitators of those who by their faith and patience are receiving what has been promised.

- When we know the word, we put the Holy Spirit in a position to bring them back to memory when we need them the most. **John 14:26**

# Meditating turns into action

Joh 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.

Psa 119:10-14 I seek you with all my heart; don't let me stray from your mitzvot. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I won't sin against you. Blessed are you, Adonai! Teach me your laws. I proclaim with my mouth all the rulings you have spoken. I rejoice in the way of your instruction more than in any kind of wealth.

Psa 1:1-3 How blessed are those who reject the advice of the wicked, don't stand on the way of sinners or sit where scoffers sit! Their delight is in Adonai's Torah; on his Torah they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams - they bear their fruit in season, their leaves never wither, everything they do succeeds.

# A “doer” of the word!

- The Spirit is the “helper”, not the “doer”. He helps and directs, we are the “doer”. If he were the “doer” we would be 100% successful in our walk of faith. It depends on our obedience and action:

James 1:22-26 Don't deceive yourselves by only hearing what the Word says, but do it! For whoever hears the Word but doesn't do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror, who looks at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But if a person looks closely into the perfect Torah, which gives freedom, and continues, becoming not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work it requires, then he will be blessed in what he does. Anyone who thinks he is religiously observant but does not control his tongue is deceiving himself, and his observance counts for nothing.

# 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.

# Using the Sword of the Spirit!

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

- 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!

# Yeshua the WORD

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing made had being. In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not suppressed it.

- Yeshua is the “Logos” The entirety of the Word of God.
- Logos = Summary, computation, divine expression
- 100% God & 100% Man!
- The Son of God and the now the Son of Man!
- Walking in His authority when we receive the Ruach



# 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
- 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!

# Deploying Yeshua!

- We are obedient, He does the work!
- We make a stand/resist God helps: **James 4:7**
- We Resist, God helps: **1Peter 5:8-10**
- We don't give place, He helps: **Eph 4:26-27**
- We only cast out through His leading and Authority: **Mark 16:17-18**
- If we speak of our own initiative, that sword is only one sided and will not complete the work. The authority and second edge is when it was the WORD of God and the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT – The leading from the Spirit to confess something specific from the WORD!

# Deploying the Word

- This is how we win our battles of Faith and overcome the temptations of this world.
- **Mathew 4** example, Satan can't stand against the double-edged sword of the Spirit, three quotes and he's out! **James 4:7**

Mat 4:1-11 Then the Spirit led Yeshua up into the wilderness to be tempted by the Adversary. After Yeshua had fasted forty days and nights, he was hungry. The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, order these stones to become bread." But he answered, "The Tanakh says, 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of Adonai' " Then the Adversary took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "jump! For the Tanakh says, 'He will order his angels to be responsible for you. . . . They will support you with their hands, so that you will not hurt your feet on the stones.' " Yeshua replied to him, "But it also says, 'Do not put Adonai your God to the test.' " Once more, the Adversary took him up to the summit of a very high mountain, showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their glory, and said to him, "All this I will give you if you will bow down and worship me." "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.

# Living Union

Rom 8:14-17 All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to bring you back again into fear; on the contrary, you received the Spirit, who makes us sons and by whose power we cry out, "Abba!" (that is, "Dear Father!"). The Spirit himself bears witness with our own spirits that we are children of God; and if we are children, then we are also heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with the Messiah — provided we are suffering with him in order also to be glorified with him.

- υἱός uihos hwee-os'
- Apparently a primary word; a “son” (sometimes of animals), used very widely of immediate, remote or figurative kinship: - child, foal, son.
- Partakers of the divine nature and of the life to come

# Winning Battles through the Spirit

Rev 21:6-7 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the 'A' and the 'Z,' the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty I myself will give water free of charge from the Fountain of Life. He who wins the victory will receive these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son.

- Winning the victory through a fight of faith!
- Winning the fight of faith comes through a deep connection to God through the Ruach.

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# Shabbat Shalom

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