



The Good Fight of Faith! Part 2

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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:

אֱמוּנָה אֱמוּנָה

'ēmûnâh 'ēmûnâh

em-oo-naw', em-oo-naw'

Feminine of **H529**; literally **firmness**; figuratively **security**; **moral fidelity**: - **faith** (-ful, -ly, -ness, [man]), set office, **stability, steady, truly, truth, verily.**

Total KJV occurrences: 49

πίστις

pistis

pis'-tis

From **G3982**; *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral **conviction** (of *religious truth*, or the **truthfulness of God** or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly **constancy** in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) **truth itself**: - **assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.**

Total KJV occurrences: 244 — 3

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

Faith as a process:

Examples:

- God's hope to take a people from among the nations as a people. To drive Israel to jealousy: **Deut 32:21, Rom 11:11 explained in Eph 3:1-12**
- The 430 process of faith through Abraham: **Gen 15:13-16, Exo 12:41 & Gal 3:15-18**
- He envisioned this for ages!
- Have the faith of God" **Mark 11:20**
- His faithfulness at work: **Col 2:12**

Faith, Hope, Love:

God has faith, He also has hope! They work together!!!

1Corinthians 13:12-13 For now we see obscurely in a mirror, but then it will be face to face. Now I know partly; then I will know fully, just as God has fully known me. But for now, three things last — faith, hope, love; and the greatest of these is love.

- Hope is the vision
- Faith is the action
- Love is the motive

Faith starts with Hope!

- Yeshua hoped (Hope was the vision) and saw Himself healing Lazarus before it happened: **John 11:1-4**
- Then faith came forth as a spoken word “Lord you have heard me” then the miracle “Lazarus come forth” **John 11:39-43**
- Yeshua only did what He saw the Father doing: **John 5:19**
- So, if the chain of command is intact: From God, to Yeshua, to the Holy Spirit to His servants and our Hope and Faith is in that word... Then our faith will be fulfilled!

Starts with a calling, a word from God:

Heb 1:1-3 In days gone by, God spoke in many and varied ways to the Fathers through the prophets. But now, in the acharit-hayamim, he has spoken to us through his Son, to whom he has given ownership of everything and through whom he created the universe. This Son is the radiance of the Sh'khinah, the very expression of God's essence, upholding all that exists by his powerful word; and after he had, through himself, made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of HaG'dulah BaM'romim.

Starts with a calling, a word from God:

- The good fight of faith is something that we are called to, in otherwards it doesn't begin with you, it begins with a word from God!
- Faith starts with a calling! If we don't have a word from God, we don't have anything to put faith in...
- The word gives us our calling!
- Yeshua points to a process, not an instant miracle:

John 5:19 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.

Demonstrating Faith

Mark 11:12-14 The next day, as they came back from Beit-Anyah, he felt hungry. Spotting in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came up to it, he found nothing but leaves; for it wasn't fig season. He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And his talmidim heard what he said.

Mark 11:20-23 In the morning, as the talmidim passed by, they saw the fig tree withered all the way to its roots. Kefa remembered and said to Yeshua, "Rabbi! Look! The fig tree that you cursed has dried up!" He responded, "Have the faith of trust that comes from God! (Have the faith of God) Yes! I tell you that whoever does not doubt in his heart but trusts that what he says will happen can say to this mountain, 'Go and throw yourself into the sea!' and it will be done for him.

Demonstrating Faith

- He used the Fig tree as an example to teach us about the process of Faith. This matches exactly **John 11** (Lazarus):

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of realities not seen. For by it the elders received commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen did not come from anything visible.

The process of Faith

- Faith has its beginning which is hope
 - A release of the power, the spoken word
 - And finally, faith has an ending, manifestation
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- It's in the middle where you must fight the good fight of faith. Sharing Gods hope, acknowledging and believing in the word, then seeing it through until the end.

The steps of faith:

1. Word: From God (Through the Spirit)
2. Wisdom: How to do it, what will it cost
3. Work: Begin the action in faith, start working
4. Walk: Continuing when facing obstacles
5. Win: A completion of Gods word/promise

The goal of the enemy:

- We have an enemy that works to interrupt, deny and stop the process of faith:
- Satan doesn't want to admit that the Messiah came as the son of God and defeated him. He is a defeated foe....

Hebrews 2:14-15 Therefore, since the children share a common physical nature as human beings, he became like them and shared that same human nature; so that by his death he might render ineffective the one who had power over death (that is, the Adversary) and thus set free those who had been in bondage all their lives because of their fear of death.

- katargeo̅ καταργέω to be (render) entirely idle (useless), literally or figuratively:

The goal of the enemy:

- To redeem flesh and blood (humanity), Yeshua became flesh and blood (Human). **1 Corinthians 15:22 & 15:45**
- Satan usurped authority, did not enter into flesh and blood. Now he is rendered “ineffective” **John 10**
- “**Katargeo**” doesn’t mean the loss of being, it means the loss of well being. Satan is reduced to inactivity, ineffectiveness. Rendered useless to practical purposes...
- Hebrew origin: **בָּטַל** “Betel” “*to stop. cause, make to, cease, hinder*”.
- If we walk in Messiah’s authority, Satan is useless!!!

The goal of the enemy:

Satan depends on lack of knowledge and ignorance of Messiah's authority to succeed:

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Since you rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being My kohen. Since you forgot the Torah of your God, just so I will forget your children.

The goal of the enemy:

John 10:9-11 I am the gate! If anyone comes in through Me, he will be saved. He will come and go and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal, slaughter, and destroy. I have come that they might have life, and have it abundantly! I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

- Satan can only steal things from you that don't belong to him! They belong to the Messiah and He has given salvation, blessing and gifts to us.

Oppression is not from God:

- We think that bad things, oppression, depression etc... are from God. They are NOT!
- If we are not putting God first, using discernment, lack the ability or knowledge to reject and resist Satan then we are allowing him to plant things into our life.
- Our covenant affords us rights and privileges! If we are ignorant of them, we can be taken advantage of.
- A key roll of any Pastor or Teacher is explain what Messiah did, so we can appropriate it! Its not going to fall into our lap...

Fighting the Good Fight!

- We do not have to fight or defeat the Devil. That's Messiah's job and he has already been defeated!
- We must resist him and remind him his defeat has already taken place and therefore we will not yield anything to him because we are aware of our heritage!
- All Satan is left with is **the power of suggestion....**

The power of suggestion...

- Immediately after Yeshua's "confirmation" **Mat 3:16-17**
- The "tempter" comes in to interrupt the process...
- Read **Mat 4:1-11**
- Yeshua quotes scripture 3 times, He doesn't tell him "he's been defeated" that comes later at the cross....
- The suggestions Satan made through temptation was intended to steal the confidence of Yeshua....

Confidence!

Hebrews 10:35 So don't throw away that courage of yours, which carries with it such a great reward. For you need to hold out; so that, by having done what God wills, you may receive what he has promised. For "There is so, so little time! The One coming will indeed come, he will not delay. But the person who is righteous will live his life by faith, and if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." However, we are not the kind who shrink back and are destroyed; on the contrary, we keep in faith and thus preserve our lives!

Yee – Haw!



- Faith is a “rope” that’s in our hands, Gods promises, gifts and words are on the other end. It’s not yet “in our hands” but its coming!
- Hold on (endurance) so that we will receive the end reward.
- We release because we don’t see or receive immediately.
- Satan wants us to drop the rope before we receive.
- Death is rendered useless and so is Satan when we resist him!



Shabbat Shalom

QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS

PART 3 WILL FOLLOW!

