



The Good Fight of Faith! Part 7

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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.

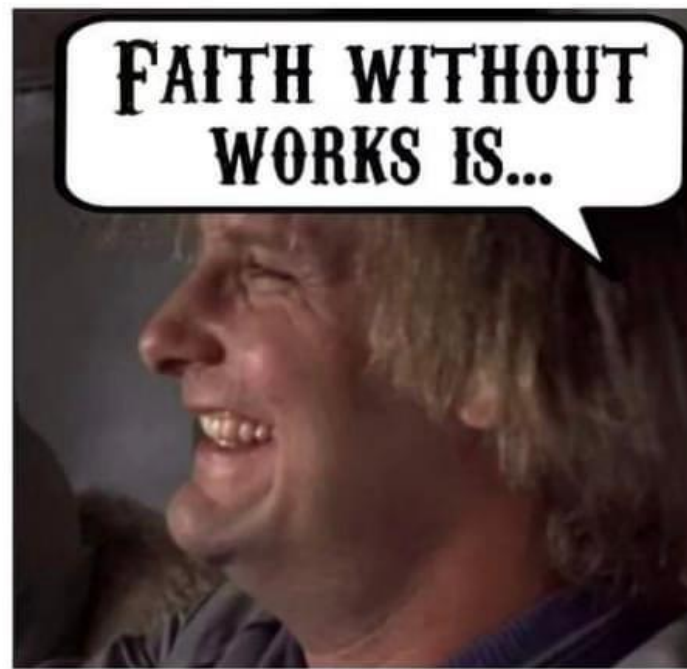
1 Timothy 1:18 This charge, son Timothy, I put to you, in keeping with the prophecies already made about you, so that by these prophecies you may fight the good fight, armed with trust (Faith) and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, some have made shipwreck of their trust (Faith);

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:

- Process of Faith examples: Gentiles/Israel **Deut 32:21, Rom 11:11 = Eph 3:1-12.**
- The 430 process of faith through Abraham: **Gen 15:13-16 = Exo 12:41.**
- **1Cor 13:12-13:** 3. Faith (Action) – 2. Hope (Vision/Desire) – 1. Love (Motive).
- **John 11** Raising Lazarus: Love **John 5:19**, Hope **v1-4**, Faith **v41** release **v43.**
- Satan is rendered “ineffective” **Hebrews 2:14-15** – He relies on ignorance.
See also **Jam 4:7, 1Pet 5:7-8, 2 Cor 10:5-7 & Eph 6:10-18**
- The Power of Confession **Num 13 & 14.** We get what we confess.
- Forget non of His benefits: **Psa 103:1-6** Pending Torah observance **Psa 103:18.**
- Spiritual mind battle for truth: 4 steps of **2Cor 10:3-5** (See **Gen 3 & Mat 4**).
- To walk out Gods will in faith, we must be hearing from Him through the Spirit! (**1Cor 2:10**) (**Heb 12:1-2, Rom 10:17, Deut 8:3, Luke 8:21 & 11:28**).—
- The fight is to “keep” what already belongs to us: **2Tim 4:6-8.**

Recap:

- It's the “Good” fight of faith! Good “tov טוב” means functioning in our calling and purpose. If we are in it, we can win it! **1Cor 10:13**.
- A steady confession displaces all doubts cast by the enemy! **Heb 10:23**.
- Confession means (Greek **Homo-Logia**) “**Same Word**” when we confess the written word the spirit is giving us, or the word of God through the Spirit we have Power through Him – **Heb 1:1-3**. We have no “authority” of our own.
- Yeshua is the Cohan HaGadol of our confession: **Heb 3:1 = Deut 20:1-4!**
- Satan attempts to delay the word from God: **Daniel 10:11-13**
- Winning means were following in Messiahs victory He won for us! We simply maintain our faith in him: **1John 5:3-5 & 1Pet 5:8-9**.



Yahweh's will be done:

- Faith is acting on God's will for each specific situation. This is only done through listening to the Ruach HaKodesh. (1Cor 2:10) (Casting out Demons Mat 12:28)
 1. The Ruach HaKodesh speaking to us through the word (scripture): utilizing scripture – coming alive! (inward witness) Psa 16:7 & John 14:26-28
 2. The word of God from the Ruach HaKodesh: Prophecy, Knowledge, Wisdom.
 3. If we aren't hearing direction from the Spirit, we are guessing at which scripture or action is appropriate for that instance. (hit and miss) Acts 19:11-20
 4. We are only effective (authority) when we are following His will. Moses/Aaron, The two witnesses, Strike vs Speak, Snake on a pole, Immerse in the Jordan etc. Eph 2:9-10
- Beginning of the commission: Mat 10:1-8, Mat 16:17 & Mat 17:19-20 (Mat 12:28)
- Great Commission: Mark 16:14-20 & Mat 28:16-20 “Sent with Authority”
- Shavu'ot, giving of authority through the Ruach HaKodesh: Acts 1:1-8 & 2:8
- Using the authority: Acts 1:19-26, Acts 2:42-47 & Acts 16:6-10

Yahweh's will be done:

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.

Yahweh's will be done:

- Yeshua walked in the fullness of the Ruach HaKodesh, not in “limited degree” like we do **John 3:34**
- He knew God's will for each situation through the Ruach via written or direct word.
- “Repent”, “be healed”, “pick up your mat”, “report to the cohen” “just so God can be glorified” “Come out ”all through the Spirit according to the will of Yahweh **John 5:19**
- When Yeshua ascended to His heavenly Ministry at the right hand of Yahweh as the “Son of Man” He released His earthly ministry to His follows through the leading of the Ruach. Utilizing Spirit & Truth together in unity.
- He's setting us up in the “authority chain” through the Ruach when we follow Him. **Rev 1:1, Romans 8**. There is “healing in His wings” “in His commands” —

Yahweh's will be done:

- God does desire everyone to be saved: 2Pet 3:9 & 1Tim 2:4
- God does desire everyone to be healed: Isa 57:19, Jer 17:14, Jer 30:17 & Jer 33:6
- We also know that not everyone is saved, not everyone is healed: 2Cor 12:8-10, Psa 119:71

Exo 23:25-26 "You are to serve Adonai your God; and he will bless your food and water. I will take sickness away from among you. In your land your women will not miscarry or be barren, and you will live out the full span of your lives.

- He looks inwardly, outward perception only gives us so much:

Isa 11:3 he will be inspired by fearing Adonai. He will not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,

Steps to walk in His will: LISTEN

1. Desire: If they don't want it, they won't get it. 2Chrn 7:14 Hos 6:1, 7:1
 2. Repentance: Jer 51:9, John 12:40, James 5:16
 3. Timing: Isa 60:22 & Ecc 3:3 “*a time to heal*” (Job Example)
 4. Faith: James 5:15, Mat 15:28 (Starts by hearing from the Spirit) 2Ki 4:34
 - Then the process begins: Repentance/Forgiveness? Demonic? Obedience?
 - This is the fruit of our authority, we follow what we see Yeshua doing through the spirit in each unique situation. (We lay hands, God heals).
- 1Jn 5:14-15 This is the confidence we have in his presence: if we ask anything that accords with his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — then we know that we have what we have asked from him.

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”

- God had a long-term plan to use Abraham to bring many into His covenants:

Gal 3:15-16 Brothers, let me make an analogy from everyday life: when someone swears an oath, no one else can set it aside or add to it. Now the promises were made to Avraham and to his seed. It doesn't say, "and to seeds," as if to many; on the contrary, it speaks of one — "and to your seed" — and this "one" is the Messiah.

Gal 3:26-29 For in union with the Messiah, you are all children of God through this trusting faithfulness; because as many of you as were immersed into the Messiah have clothed yourselves with the Messiah, in whom there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor freeman, neither male nor female; for in union with the Messiah Yeshua, you are all one. Also, if you belong to the Messiah, you are seed of Avraham and heirs according to the promise.

The “Father of Faith”

- Enoch had faith; Noah had faith. Yet God made a covenant people out of Abraham! He called and found Abraham for His purpose.
- God went after Abraham not because he deserved to be chased.

Josh 24:2-3 Y'hoshua said to all the people, "This is what Adonai the God of Isra'el says: 'In antiquity your ancestors lived on the other side of the [Euphrates] River — Terach the father of Avraham and Nachor — and they served other gods. I took your ancestor Avraham from beyond the River, led him through all the land of Kena'an, increased his descendants and gave him Yitz'chak.

- They worshiped a group of Gods!
- Many times, we say “I found God”. God finds us!
- Someone prayed for us, the Good News reached us!

The “Father of Faith”

Gen 12:1 Now Adonai said to Avram, "Get yourself out of your country, away from your kinsmen and away from your father's house and go to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed." So Avram went, as Adonai had said to him, and Lot went with him.

Avram was 75 years old when he left Haran. Avram took his wife Sarai, his brother's son Lot, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, as well as the people they had acquired in Haran; then they set out for the land of Kena`an and entered the land of Kena`an.

- He “crossed over” **John 5:24** (Leaving Babylon **Gen 11:31**)
- When we decide to follow God in steps of faith (a walk of faith), it separates us from some of our connections. We will get challenged. Always makes “sense”
- So were able to be influenced by Him and not people opposed to God.

The “Father of Faith”

Gen 12:9-13 Then Avram traveled on, continuing toward the Negev (easy stages). Abram and Sarai in Egypt. But there was a famine in the land, so Avram went down into Egypt to stay there, because the famine in the land was severe. When he came close to Egypt and was about to enter, he said to Sarai his wife, "Here now, I know that you are a good-looking woman; so that when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife,' and kill me but keep you alive. Please say that you are my sister, so that it will go well with me for your sake, and so that I will stay alive because of you."

- “*take a walk towards the Negev*” KJV margins say “easy stages”
- Famine was meant to be a discouragement (from the enemy).
- This moves Abraham to a place of fear (fallout from sin).
- God never called him to Egypt, but to Canin.

The “Father of Faith”

- As long as we don't give up and keep walking with the Lord, though we are imperfect in our walk. God takes what was meant to discourage us as a blessing. Even if we stumble! (Mat 12:28)
- What was meant for discouragement God used for blessing:
Gen 13:1-2 Avram went up from Egypt — he, his wife and everything he had, and Lot with him — into the Negev. Avram became wealthy, with much cattle, silver and gold.

“Easy stages”, in the beginning. God will also bring stability to situations, so you are able to follow him. They make sense and they bear fruit!

The “Father of Faith”

Gen 12:6-8 Avram passed through the land to the place called Sh'khem, to the oak of Moreh. The Kena`ani were then in the land. 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.

- Abrahm passes northern Israel (Golan heights, Galilee, etc).
- Canaanites were a wicked people with a terrible sexual morality, and the illicit children were sacrificed to “Molech”. A despicable group of people!
- God confirms that he’s on the right track! Meets with him!
- When walking in faith, you don’t always find yourself walking in the midst of a bunch of Kedoshim (saints)!
- Example: Israel was separated from the Egyptian army by only a cloud.

A “Chuppah”

- God has the amazing ability to separate us from evil everywhere we go! When we follow Him, He sends an “umbrella” to protect us...
- A “Chuppah” is used in a Hebraic/Jewish wedding ceremony, representing the woman now coming into the Mans authority and together they form a new “house”.
- “Chuppah” comes from H2315 כֶּהֱדָרִי *kheh'-der* “inner chamber”

Deut 32:25 Outside, the sword makes parents childless; inside, there is panic, as young men and girls alike are slain, sucklings and graybeards together.

Psa 105:30 Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the royal chambers.

“Chuppah” Covering

- Your “covering” extends to you and your family. (Similar to the Pasach Lamb). Not your city, town or country.

Joshua 24:15b “As for me and my household, we will serve Adonai!”

Acts 16:31 They said, “Trust in the Lord Yeshua, and you will be saved
— you and your household!”

- Abraham trusts, he and his household are saved, then separated from most of his family.
- Men, you are the leader of your household! Chose to follow Messiah and let him lead through you.

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

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- 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!



Shabbat Shalom

QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS

PART 8 WILL FOLLOW!

