

**“Fight the Good Fight of Faith, Lay Hold on Eternal Life” 1 Timothy 6:12**

“Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4

It is Vital to Hear God’s Voice. John 10:27, John 14:26, John 16:13, Matthew 13:16

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**The Christian life is a fight of faith.** This is how we lay hold of **eternal life**. (God’s life which is everlasting)

“**The just shall live by faith.**” Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11. **By faith we receive life from the Lord.** Ephesians 2:8, 9.

“**Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.**” Romans 10:17, Galatians 3:5. Keep in the Word of God.

As we read His Word, **God speaks to us. This is God giving us faith.** John 10:27, 28, John 6:63, 68, John 14:26, John 16:13.

Jesus lived by hearing, and obeying, what the Father was saying. John 5:19, 30, 8:26, 28, 38, 12:49, 14:10, 24.

Jesus has sent us to live as He lived. John 20:21, 22. The Holy Spirit speaks the words of Jesus to us. John 16:13-15.

**As we read the Bible** the Holy Spirit draws our attention to some words, and **this is God speaking to us**. He is giving us faith.

**When God speaks to us it brings great joy into our spirit.** God has spoken to us and this releases joy in our hearts.

Jeremiah 15:16, Psalm 119:162, Acts 3:6-8, Acts 8:5-8.

**To be able to receive the fullness of what God has said to us, we must:**

1. **Believe in our hearts** what God has said to us. Genesis 15:6, Deut. 30:11-14, Romans 10:6-10, 2Corinthians. 4:13.
2. **Keep proclaiming aloud** the Words God has spoken to us. Deuteronomy 30:11-14, Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1-3, Proverbs 18:21, Isaiah 59:21, Romans 10:6-10, Hebrews 3:1, Hebrews 4:14, Hebrews 10:23.

As we do this **God watches over His Word** to bring it to pass. Numbers 23:19, Jeremiah 1:12, Isaiah 55:11.

**But this process of faith is actually a mighty battle. It requires time, effort, determination, and refusal to give up.**

**God is faithful. If we do our part then God will do His part and we will see the fulfilment of the Word He has spoken to us.**

Hebrews 6:12-15.

**The battle for us is all the appearance of things that say the opposite of what God has said to us.**

The lack of finance, the sickness, tiredness, weakness, the fears, the attacks of demonic spirits, the doubts, the unbelief, the reasoning of people, the diagnosis of the specialist, (which may or may not be right).

God spoke to Abraham and Sarah and said that they would have a son. They were very old. Sarah did not have any children.

But in spite of all the appearances of things, they believed the Word of the Lord and Isaac was born. Romans 4:17-22.

If you are sick, that is a fact! But it is not the **TRUTH!! God’s Word is truth.** John 17:17. Facts change. **God’s Word does not change.** If we believe the WORD of GOD and keep speaking it out aloud, the fact of sickness will change and we will be healed.

**We do not look at what we can see with our eyes, but we keep looking at, and believing and proclaiming, what the Lord has promised. By faith and patience we inherit the promises of God.** Hebrews 6:12, Romans 4:19, 2Corinthians 4:18.

This battle requires **trusting the Lord and His Word with all our hearts**, and not leaning on our own understanding. In all our ways we acknowledge Him and He directs our paths. Proverbs 3:5, 6, Jeremiah 10:23, Proverbs 20:24.

As teenagers go through their struggles, or the attacks of the world, The Lord will give you Scripture promises to believe and proclaim before Him. Isaiah 54:13, Isaiah 49:25, Isaiah 44:3, 4, Isaiah 59:21. (See Scripture Promises on the Home Page.)

When finances are low and there is not enough, the Lord will provide, by faith. Ruth 2:12, Philippians 4:19, Luke 11:1-13.

When demonic spirits are attacking, the Blood of Jesus, the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit causes them to flee. James 4:7, Revelation 12:11. (See Scripture Promises on the Home Page- web site above.)

When sickness rears its head, the Word declares Matthew 8:17, 1Peter 2:24, James 5:15, Psalm 103:3, Psalm 30:2, 3, Malachi 4:2.

We are in a battle between **truth** and lies, **light** and dark, **life** and death, **health** and sickness, **eternal life** and eternal death.

**The faith God gives to us is to bring us truth, light, health, and eternal life and all the provisions of God.** Philippians 4:19.