

TIME TO STAND!!

IN THIS LESSON WE WILL DISCUSS STANDING STRONG IN FAITH TO RECEIVE THE PROMISED BLESSINGS WHEN WE ARE CHALLENGED

Exodus 14:13 KJVS

FEAR YE NOT, STAND STILL, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD,

- DON'T FEAR
- STAND STILL IN FAITH (KEEP THE PRESSURE ON THE WORD)
- YOU WILL EXPERIENCE GOD'S SALVATION (HEALING, DELIVERANCE, PROTECTION, PROVISION ALL YOUR COVENANT BLESSINGS)

NOW IS NOT THE TIME BACK UP, GIVE UP & QUIT

I. **IT'S TIME TO STAND STRONG ON THE WORD OF GOD**

Ephesians 6:13 ERV

That is why you need to get God's full armor. Then on the day of evil, you will be able to stand strong. AND WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED THE WHOLE FIGHT, YOU WILL STILL BE STANDING.

3 REASONS WE ARE TEMPTED TO QUIT

1. YOU ARE TEMPTED TO BACK UP , GIVE UP & QUIT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CHALLENGES INSTEAD OF THE WORD.

2 Corinthians 4:18 ERV

So we think about what we cannot see, not what we see.

QUESTION:

WHAT DO YOU LOOK AT OR FOCUS ON WHEN YOU ARE IN A CHALLENGE?

NOTE - THE DEVIL IS RELENTLESS. HE WILL PUT PRESSURE ON YOU TO MAKE YOU DOUBT GOD SO YOU WILL BACK UP & QUIT IN YOUR FAITH

1 Peter 5:8-9 NlrV

Be watchful and control yourselves. Your enemy the devil is like a roaring lion. He prowls around looking for someone to swallow up. [9] Stand up to him. Remain strong in what you believe.

2. YOU ARE TEMPTED TO BACK UP, GIVE UP AND QUIT WHEN YOU LISTEN TO LIES OF THE DEVIL

John 8:44b ERV

He (devil) was a murderer from the beginning. He was always against the truth. There is no truth in him. He is like the lies he tells. Yes, the devil is a liar. He is the father of lies.

COMMON DEVILISH LIES

- You are not going to make it
- You are a failure
- You are not going to get well
- You are worthless & deserve what
- You are getting
- You will always be poor
- You are too old to change
- You can't do that, who do you think you are

QUESTION- HAVE THE DEVIL TEMPTED YOU WITH ANY OF THESE LIES?

3. YOU ARE TEMPTED TO BACK UP & QUIT WHEN YOU LISTEN TO THE OPINIONS OF PEOPLE

Matthew 16:23 TPT

Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get out of my way, you Satan! You are an offense to me, because your thoughts are only filled with man's viewpoints and not with the ways of God."

NOTE- WHEN A THOUGHT DOESN'T AGREE WITH THE PROMISED BLESSINGS JESUS PURCHASED FOR YOU MUST SHIFT YOUR THINKING. THINK ABOUT THE PROMISE BLESSINGS.

2 Corinthians 10:5 ERV
and we tear down every proud idea that raises itself against the knowledge of God. We also capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ.

SHIFT FROM THOUGHTS OF:

- I AM SICK TO I AM HEALED
- I AM WORRIED TO I AM AT PEACE
- I AM POOR TO I AM RICH IN CHRIST
- I AM CURSED TO I AM BLESSED
- I ALWAYS LOSE TO I ALWAYS WIN
- I AM DEPRESSED TO I AM JOYFUL

II. STAND STRONG IN FAITH YOU MUST REMEMBER

1. YOUR FAITH IN GOD IS WORKING!!

Psalm 112:1,7-8 NIV
Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands. [7] THEY WILL HAVE NO FEAR OF BAD NEWS; THEIR HEARTS ARE STEADFAST, TRUSTING IN THE LORD. [8] THEIR HEARTS ARE SECURE, THEY WILL HAVE NO FEAR; in the end THEY WILL LOOK IN TRIUMPH ON THEIR FOES.

2. GOD WILL PERFORM HIS WORD

Hebrews 10:23 KJVS
YOU MUST HOLD FAST (tightly) TO THE CONFESSION OF YOUR FAITH WITHOUT WAVERING; (FOR GOD WHO MADE THE PROMISE IS FAITHFUL TO PERFORM HIS WORD IN YOUR LIFE).

3. ACTIVATE THE JOY IN YOUR HEART ON PURPOSE

James 1:2-3 TPT
My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the

greatest joy that you can! [3] For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things.

- Joy releases your inner strength

Proverbs 15:13 ERV

If you are happy, your face shows it. If you are sad, your spirit feels defeated.

4. ALWAYS BE THANKFUL

2 Corinthians 2:14 GW

But I thank God, who always leads us in victory because of Christ.

Plan of Action: Make being thankful a lifestyle. Practice giving thanks to God throughout the day

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN YOUR THOUGHTS DON'T AGREE WITH THE WORD?
2. WHY DO PEOPLE BACK UP, GIVE UP, & QUIT?
3. WHY SHOULD YOU BE JOYFUL ON PURPOSE?