

THE FIGHT OF FAITH

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2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8

We all have a race to run and course to finish. We all face the same opposing forces that want to impede our progress and get us off course – the devil, world and flesh. Paul faced the same forces we face. These verses reveal the key to overcoming these forces. **EPHESIAHS 6:16, 1 JOHN 5:4, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7**

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

Faith is needed to stay on course, defeat the enemy and cross the finish line successfully. Faith involves laying hold of all that Christ has provided for us in His finished work and confessing who we are and what we have in Him.

ROMANS 3:27

Faith is a spiritual law that operates on certain conditions just as natural laws do. Aerodynamic laws enable an airplane to fly. That plane will finish its route or course as long as aerodynamic laws continue working. If they cease working, the law of gravity prevails.

ROMANS 8:1-2

The law of sin and death is like the law of gravity. It began with Lucifer and was brought into our world through Adam – **ROMANS 5:12**. The law of life is in Christ and is the only power that can deliver us from the law of sin and death and get us off its course of destruction. It takes faith to set this law in motion.

MARK 11:23

Jesus introduced us to the law of faith and teaches us how it operates. It involves the believers' heart and mouth. One must believe in his words. **MATTHEW 17:20** Faith involves saying. **ROMANS 10:8-13** Jesus taught Paul this law and how its operation can cause anyone to pass from death to life. **JOHN 5:24** If Jew or Gentile believers in Christ and confesses Him as Lord, he gets off the course of death and on the course of life. Once on the course, it takes faith to stay on course with God. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:7**

FIGHTING WITH WORDS – PROVERBS 18:20-21

HEBREWS 3:19 – 4:2

Giants and fortified walls didn't prevent the Israelites from finishing their course. Words of unbelief did. Their experience was written for our benefit. **1 CORINTHIANS 13:11 (KJV, AMPC)**

NUMBERS 13:27-33, 14:1-4, 6:10, 11, 22024, 27-28, 35-37

- Their self-image and God image were wrong.
- Their believing and speaking were wrong.
- They expressed their unbelief with doubt-filled words.
- God gave them what they believed and said.
- Their leaders died by a plague that ate out their tongues, jaws and navels – John Gill commentary.

JOSHUA 14:6-13

- His self-image and God image were right.
- His believing and speaking were right.
- He expressed his belief with faith-filled words.
- God gave him what he believed and said.
- Instead of being eaten by the plague, he ate the good of the land.

GALATIANS 2:20

- Our true self-image is found in Christ. New creations; masterpiece, righteous, more than a conqueror, heir of God. Our belief must be expressed with faith-filled words. **PHILIPPIANS 4:13** They said they couldn't, Caleb and Paul said they can, what do we say?