

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR FAITH IS UNDER ATTACK by Jarrod Davidoff October 27, 2019

Mark 11:22-24 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them.

FAITH FOR WHAT YOU ARE BELIEVING FOR MUST BE FOUND ON THE WORD OF GOD

Faith begins where the will of God is known

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

2. RECOGNISE THAT THE SOURCE OF YOUR OPPOSITION IS SATAN

Jesus said in **John 10:10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Satan's greatest deception is to have people believe he doesn't even exist

II Corinthians 4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Romans 14:23 ... for whatever is not from faith is sin

Jesus calms the storm

Mark 4:35-41 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

3. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS

James 1:13-14 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

Galatians 6:7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Proverbs 28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Revelation 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

We open the door of sin and allow the devil in because we have disobeyed His Word.

4. SUBMIT TO GOD AND RESIST THE DEVIL

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

What does submit mean: accept or yield to a superior force

or to the authority or will of another person.

What does resist mean?

-To withstand the action or effect of.

-to come against or stand against an enemy

-to resist spoilage.

-to refrain or abstain from, especially with difficulty or reluctance

Resistance

the ability not to be affected by something, especially adversely

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith,

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths

This is what to do:

1. Father I submit to You

2. Satan I rebuke you in the name of Jesus

Take your hands off my family, off my marriage, off my children, off my finances

I resist you in Jesus name

3. Thank You Father for surrounding us with a hedge of protection. Thank You that Your angels are encamped around me

4. I plead the blood of Jesus over them

5. STAND YOUR GROUND

Ephesians 6:10-18 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

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Ephesians 6:10-12 And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a

couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

Ephesians 6:13-23 Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.