

WARFARE SURROUNDING FAITH – Part 2

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

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Memory Verses:

LUKE 6:40	LUKE 10:19	PROVERBS 4:23	ROMANS 6:23
ROMANS 13:14	JOHN 8:36	JOHN 11:25	JOSHUA 24:15b
JOHN 4:24	JOHN 14:15	JOHN 10:10	ROMANS 10:17

NEW VERSE: **JOHN 6:63**

From last week: Warfare Surrounding Faith

TODAY: Warfare Surrounding Faith – Part 2

The challenge of faith is a challenge of the Word of God.

- Any warfare that you are fighting that does not pertain to the Word of God or your calling is:
 1. A distraction – a waste of time or diversion.
 2. Something you should have overcome long ago: stubborn, unyielding, bad character.
 3. An appetite: the lust of the flesh, eyes, pride of life, or appetite for worldly things.
 4. An abuse of the enemy* - must be based on some spiritual legal grounds we violated or are ignorant of.

DANIEL 3 [verse 8-30]

- **COMPARE Verse 5 to Verse 12**
 1. Your faith will, at most times, require you to be counterculture and not of this world.
 2. The worship in your battle of faith is not for the image; it is for the gods behind the image.
 3. The battle will involve an opportunity for a reasonable compromise [verse 15]:
 - Just like the devil tempted Jesus. [Matthew 4]
 - The challenge of your faith is not merely about what is seen. It is a challenge to your unseen God [15].

WHILE WE MAY BE CONSUMED WITH WHAT WE WANT PHYSICALLY, A WAR IN THE UNSEEN REALM IS BEING WAGED OVER WHO YOUR GOD WILL BE.

3 PRINCIPLES GOD IS TEACHING US AS A CHURCH

1. Do not call faith what is not based on the Word of God.
2. You cannot do faith outside of a deep and intentional relationship with the Holy Spirit.
3. You cannot do faith without an unwavering conviction, persuasion in the love and nature of God.

• **VERSE 16-18**

1. Persuasion and conviction: Our God will save!
2. But IF the results you see in the natural do not match that persuasion, fear not, my faith is not based on what I see; it is based on who I know.

3. This is a reverse of “another law at work in my members” **ROMANS 7:22-23**

a. EXODUS 20:3-5

- b. I am so addicted to God and His Word that I do not manipulate natural things to get the results people want to see. **2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5**

• **VERSES 19-27**

1. Do not let the intensity of the fire change your persuasion [19, 22].
2. Compare 23 to [25] – tied up vs. loosed.
 - Contend for the greater battle of loyalty to your God, not to what people see or interpret.
 - [27]: There shall be no evidence of the warfare you went through.

- **JOB 2:9, JOB 42:12**

• **VERSES 28-30**

1. The situation will yield to the Word of God if you hold on to the Word of God.
2. The battle has always been about the manifestation of your UNSEEN God. He is SEEN when you go through the battle holding on to the Word of God.

3. ACTS 5:27-29, 33, 40-41

PRAYER

ALTAR CALL – Only Jesus can save you from eternal torment

BENEDICTION AND GRACE