

WARFARE SURROUNDING FAITH

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

MATTHEW 4:4 - Man shall not live by bread alone

Compare to **ROMANS 1:17** - The just shall live by faith

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

GENESIS 3:1 - Genesis did God say?

MATTHEW 11:2-6 - John the Baptist

GENESIS 15:1-3 - Abraham – God, what are you saying?

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.

Faith works by love – so we perfect our love in God. When trials come in our lives, it should be about the Word of God (your obedience, surrender, purpose, love of God), not because of our alliance with the world, the flesh, or Satan.

Faith comes from the Word. You cannot fight a battle of flesh, lust, and disobedience by throwing out the Word. The answer is repentance, surrender, obedience, humility – LOVE!

God-Initiated Trial of Faith

JOHN 9:1-3

JOB 2:1-3

LUKE 22:31

JOHN 17:14-17

MATTHEW 4:1

PRAYER

1. REPENTANCE
2. FINISH ALL INCOMPLETE OBEDIENCE – **2 CORINTHIANS 10:4-6**
3. STRENGTH TO CONTEND FOR THE WORD