



FIGHTX3 | PART 2 | FREEDOM

ISAIAH 52:7-15 CEB

GOD'S PEOPLE DO NOT WAIT FOR THE FINAL BATTLE TO SING SONGS OF PRAISE.

I PRAISE BEFORE THE BREAKTHROUGH... BECAUSE MY "DADDY" IS ON THE WAY!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 **REJOICE:** χαίρω **chaíro**, khah'-ee-ro; a primary **verb**; to be "cheer"ful, i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:—farewell, be glad, God speed, **greeting**, hail, joy(- fully), rejoice.

IN OTHER WORDS, I DON'T WAIT AROUND FOR GOD TO ARRIVE ON THE SCENE WHEN I'M IN TROUBLE TO REJOICE AND PRAISE HIM... I LIFT UP A SHOUT WHILE HE'S ON THE WAY, GREETING HIS PRESENCE AS HE COMES IN THE "GATE"...

RECAP:

FIGHTX3

- WE HAVE A REAL ENEMY**
- OUR ENEMY KNOWS HIS FINAL DESTINATION**
- HIS PURPOSE IN THE FIGHT IS TO TAKE AS MANY WITH HIM AS HE CAN**

John 10:10

STEAL: YOUR SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE

KILL: YOUR PHYSICAL BODY

DESTROY: YOUR SOUL

3 KEY AREAS: YOUR FREEDOM, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FAITH

BUT THERE IS A PERSON WHO IS OFTEN USED BY THE ENEMY,

AND THAT PERSON IS ME/YOU.

WE MUST FIRST DECLARE WAR ON SELF.

WE CANNOT FIGHT THE DEVIL IF WE ARE STANDING IN THE WAY.

WARFARE IS NOT THE FOCAL POINT OF THOSE KIND OF FIGHT.

JESUS IS THE FOCUS, ON THE KING! (THAT'S WHERE THE VICTORY IS)

KEYS TO PREPARING FOR THE FIGHT (DECLARING WAR ON SELF):

- check your motives**
- be clean**
- be sober**
- be ready**

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TWO REALITIES:

- Opportunities for sin are not going to go away.**
- God does not tempt.**

JAMES 1:12-18

DESIRE: 1939. Epithumia eh-pee-thoo-MEE-ah: a longing (especially for what is forbidden) -- concupiscence, desire, lust (after).

LUST IS NOT ALWAYS SEXUAL

Lusts: any unholy or unhealthy desire for that which does not belong to you, that stimulates your senses... harming your soul.

A few kinds of lusts:

Money/stuff

Vengeance/blood

Forbidden sexual gratification

JAMES 1:15

TEMPTATION TO SIN, AND THE ACTION OF GIVING INTO THAT SIN IS NOT SOMETHING NEW... WE MAY HAVE DIFFERENT MEDIUMS AND MODES TODAY BUT SIN IN AND OF ITS SELF IS NOT NEW.

THE ENEMY USES MY OWN CHOICES AGAINST ME TO BUILD UP A STONGHOLD.

BUT HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS:

1 COR 10:13-15

THERE IS A WAY OUT!

YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION TO NOT GET IN YOUR OWN WAY WHEN IT COMES TO FIGHTING FOR YOUR FREEDOM.

SO HOW??? HOW DO I STOP???

THE CALLING TO BE HOLY (SET APART), IS NOT A FOCUS ON THE OUTWARD BUT A FOCUS ON THE INWARD... THAT IS DONE BY AND THROUGH THE GRACE OF GOD, IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS, AND THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 PETER 1:13-23

KEYS TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

- realize in yourself you are powerless, there must be more
- embrace your newly created reality, focusing on what really matters
- change your value system
- receive power by putting to death the deeds of the body and being filled with the Holy Spirit

THE KEY TO FREEDOM IS GRACE!

GRACE 5485. Charis khar'-ece: is preeminently used of the Lord's *favor* – freely *extended to give Himself* away to people (because He is "always leaning toward them").

RIGHT NOW Rs:

- recognize your sin
- repent (decide-destroy any material)
- receive (forgiveness & power)
- read/renew (know your Word & new life)
- rest (focus on the truth)

1 PETER 1:3-9