

FIGHTX3 | PART 4 | FAITH

REALITIES OF THE FIGHT:

SEE WE ARE IN A SPIRITUAL FIGHT, A WAR, BATTLES, EACH AND EVERY DAY.

- -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

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

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

REJOICE: χαίρω chaírō, 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.

MANY THINGS IN THE GOD'S KINGDOM APPEAR TO MAKE NO LOGICAL SENSE BECAUSE GOD IS NOT BOUND TO MY LOGIC, MY HUMAN MIND, OR WHAT WE DESCRIBE AS NATURAL LAWS BECAUSE HE IS THE ONE WHO CREATED ALL THINGS...

MATT 5:2-12

MATT 5:11-12 CEB

IT MAKES NO SENSE

BUT THAT'S FAITH.

Hebrews 11:1

THE WORD FAITH: 4102. Pistis, πίστις, εως, ἡ, FROM THE ROOT: 3982/peithô ("to persuade, be persuaded") which supplies the *core-meaning* of faith ("divine persuasion").

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

IF THE DEVIL CAN REMOVE YOUR FAITH, HE DISRUPTS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH IS NOT DOUBT... IT'S FEAR... BUT FEAR, WHEN GIVEN IN, PRODUCES DOUBT.

EPHESIANS 6:13-20

WE HAVE SAID EACH WEEK THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO FIGHT THE DEVIL WE MUST FIRST DECLARE WAR ON SELF

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

KEY: GOD IS NOT AFRAID OF OUR DOUBT, OUR QUESTIONS, OR EVEN OUR FEAR...

MARK 9:14-29

HOW CAN ONE BOTH BELIEVE AND HAVE UNBELIEF???
THIS SOUNDS VERY PARADOXAL!

TRUTH: DOUBT, DIFFICULTY, ILLNESS, LACK, THESE ARE REAL THINGS WE ALL FACE FROM TIME TO TIME... BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO LEAD YOU AWAY FROM GOD, BUT THEY CAN PREPPEL YOU TO SEEK GOD TO BUILD YOUR FAITH... THAT SOON GOD WILL BUILD, RESTORE, HEAL, AND PROVIDE!

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

THE WORD THANKSGIVING: 2168. Eucharisteó: (from 2095 /eú, "good" and 5485/xaris, "grace") – properly, acknowledging that "God's grace works well," i.e. for our eternal gain and His glory; to give thanks – literally, "thankful for God's good grace."

THANKSGIVING IS A RECOGNITION THAT THERE IS ONE TRUE, ALMIGHTY, ALL-POWERFUL GOD, AND YET HE IS SO CLOSE AND PERSONAL THAT HE KNOWS EVERY HAIR ON YOUR HEAD...

IT'S TAKING THE FOCUS OFF THE SITUATION AT HAND AND PLACING IT ON THE ONE WHO CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

TRUTH: IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT FOR YOUR FAITH.... IT MUST BE DONE WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING!

JOHN 11:1-44 THINGS TO POINT OUT IN THE STORY...

- 1. Jesus took His time
- 2. Lazarus was a FRIEND OF GOD!
- 3. After Lazarus dies... Jesus says he was asleep.

- 4. Jesus spoke to the situation before He changed the situation!
- 5. Jesus thanked God before the miracle!
- 6. Jesus WEPT: Greek: dakruo meaning to shed tears silently.

Romans 5:1-11

TO FIGHT FOR YOUR FAITH:

- -Look to the source of all things (seek Him in prayer)
- -Soak in the promises of God (get in the word)
- -Surround yourself with those who point to Christ (praying people)
- -Praise, worship, and thank Him that He has heard you!

John 15:1-11