

Fighting the Good Fight

Part 1

Joshua 10:6-14

Principle #1 – Battles are a reality in the Christian life!

Principle #2 – As a child of God these battles have a spiritual motivator behind them.

Ephesians 6:12 (KJV)

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Principle #3 – We are not fighting this battle in our own strength nor are we fighting alone.

Psalms 46:1 (KJV)

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

- *Our fighting weapon comes through God.*

2 Corinthians 10:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ:

God in His power and spirit steps in and fights our battles.

Three truths revealed about the Savior when He steps in.

First – When God's spirit steps into the battle there is an inner peace you will experience (vs. 8).

Philippians 4:7 (KJV)

⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

God can

1. Comfort the anxious heart.
2. Calm the fears of the situation.
3. Lift the broken hearted.
4. Strengthen the weak.
5. Bring joy to the fearful.

John 14:27 (KJV)

²⁷ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

God has never lost control.

1. He is still on the throne.
 2. He is still the Prince of Peace.
 3. He is still greater than any fight the enemy will ever bring.
- God didn't save you to be agitated and worried.
 - God doesn't want you to tremble in fear.

We must learn to

Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

- Nothing will ever happen to the child of God that hasn't already come across God's desk.

Romans 8:28 (KJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

Second – God gave His promise.

1. Vs. 8 – God promised absolute victory!

Romans 8:37 (KJV)

³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

2. This doesn't mean every situation will work out the way you want it too.
 - A. It does mean God will enable you to live above the situation.

Third - God gave His power.

1. Vs. 9-14 – we see a mighty demonstration of God's power.