

FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE

Because your _____ is worth it.



Do you **fight** for life or **forfeit** life?

...I have come in order that you might have life--life in all its fullness. John 10:10 (GNT)

God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no weekend war that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. Ephesians 6:10-12

We stop fighting when:

We stop **caring** about doing the **right** thing.

- The fight in us has to be greater than the **feelings** in us.

If somethings worth **fighting** for It has to be worth **dying** for.

...Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. Luke 9:23-24 (NIV)

- We need to have a **clear** understanding of **what** we are fighting for.

Fight the good fight of faith, grabbing hold of the life that continues forever. You were called to have that life when you confessed the good confession before many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:12 (NCV)

Faith is:

- Faith is putting our **confidence** in God though we don't see him or understand his ways.

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it. Hebrews 11:1 (NCV)

- Faith is **acting** in a way that shows my confidence in God.

Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions? That kind of faith can't save anyone! James 2:14

When it comes to faith in God:

- Some have a faith in God that is **dead**.

A dead faith is a belief in God with no **action**.

So then, as the body without the spirit is dead, also **faith without actions is dead**. James 2:26 (GNT)

So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. James 2:17

Lip service without **lifestyle**.

- Some have a faith in God that is **deceived**.

A deceived faith is a belief in God without **trust** in God.

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder. James 2:19

A deceived faith has Knowledge about God with no **change** in our lives.

Awareness of Jesus with no **love** for Jesus.

- Some have a faith that is **dynamic**.

Isn't it obvious that faith and works are yoked partners, that faith expresses itself in works? That the works are "works of faith"? The full meaning of "believe" in the Scripture sentence, "Abraham believed God and was set right with God," includes his action. It's that weave of believing and acting that got Abraham named "God's

friend." Is it not evident that a person is made right with God not by a barren faith but by faith fruitful in works? James 2:22-24 (MSG)

We need a dynamic Faith:

- Dynamic faith **pleases** God.

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

A dynamic faith is when:

- We choose to live with **love** and **gratitude** for Jesus.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

- We choose **joy** when there is nothing to be joyful about.

...when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. James 1:2-4 (NLT)

- We choose to **trust** God when we don't understand.

We are confident of all this because of our great trust in God through Christ. 2 Corinthians 3:4 (NLT)

- We choose to **obey** God when I don't feel like it.

Application Steps:

- Decide **Now** to fight for a dynamic faith!

- Dig deep to **develop** a dynamic faith.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by God's Word. Romans 10:17

And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself. For if you just listen and don't obey, it is like looking at your face in a mirror but doing nothing to improve your appearance. James 1:22-23 (MSG)



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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Do you agree that the fight in us has to be greater than the feelings within us? Explain.
 - Do you think we fight for life or forfeit life when it comes to having a dynamic faith? Explain.
 - Do you believe you have a clear understanding what it means to have a dynamic faith? Why is this important?
 - Why do you have confidence in God? How does that confidence get expressed in faith? What does it mean to act in a way that shows our confidence in God? How is our action part of our faith?
 - Talk through the points under the sub-heading: "When it comes to faith in God."
 - How does living in love and gratitude for Jesus express a dynamic faith?
 - Have you ever had to choose joy when there is nothing to be joyful about? How does choosing joy express faith in God?
 - How do we choose to trust God when we don't understand what's going on around us?
 - Why is choosing to obey God an expression of faith in God? How do we do that?

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