

Faith is Spiritual Warfare, Part 1

New Covenant Faith Teaching Series

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We are continuing to discuss New Covenant faith, specifically that faith is spiritual warfare. Faith is a spiritual law where we pray one time and thank God for the answer the rest of the time, aggressively holding on to what God has provided for us in Jesus. Faith functions through the personal knowledge and experience of God's redeeming love, enforcing His Lordship against demonic opposition and standing on His Word regardless of physical feelings or circumstances.

Section 1: The Law of Faith and Redeeming Love

1 John 4:10

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Truth 1: Faith is not a passive waiting game, but an active spiritual war to hold on to what God provided. Supporting Word: **1 John 4:19 "We love Him, because He first loved us."**

- Faith is a spiritual law and the devil knows that.
- We must learn to pray one time and thank God for the answer the rest of the time.
- The rest of the time is just a warfare because the enemy is going to work hard to get you out of faith.
- Waiting is actually putting pressure back on the works of darkness to turn loose our blessings.

Truth 2: Faith works through our knowledge of God's redeeming love for us. Supporting Word: **1 John 4:16 "And we have known and believed the love that God has for us."**

- Through lovingkindness He draws us out of the kingdom of darkness.

- When you get knowledge that redemption is about His loving protection and care, being saved becomes easy.
- Love loves first, and you cannot love people without the love of Jesus loving people through you.
- You have to know and believe that God loves you first.

Section 2: Unshakable Assurance in Jesus

Romans 8:31-39

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Truth 3: Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Jesus.

Supporting Word: **Romans 8:31 "If God is for us, who can be against us?"**

- He who did not spare His own Son will freely give us all things.
- Tribulation, distress, and persecution are brought by the enemy to try to separate you from the love of Jesus.
- God shows the devil time and again that He will always defend His people.
- Jesus loves us and He is fighting for us.

Truth 4: God's love is in Jesus always, and we must abide in Him.

Supporting Word: **Romans 8:37 "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."**

- Faith doesn't work until you understand that God loves you.
- In God's eyes, you look just like Jesus.
- You have to be persuaded that nothing can separate you from His love.
- You got to come and abide in Jesus so that the love of God can manifest in your life.

Section 3: Guarding the Heart and Fighting the Good Fight

James 4:7

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

Truth 5: Spiritual warfare is guarding your heart by enforcing the Lordship of Jesus. Supporting Word: **1 Timothy 6:12 "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life..."**

- Submit to His Lordship over your life and the devil's going to flee.
- Once you gave your life to Jesus, you became property of the Lamb.
- Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.
- Sickness has no legal right in the body of Jesus.

Proverbs 4:23

"Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life."

Truth 6: The heart is the battlefield that must be guarded with the Word.

Supporting Word: **Daniel 10:12 "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand... your words were heard..."**

- Confession means to say what the Word says Jesus has done for you.
- Lay hold means to grab a hold to it and not let it go.

- Take authority over your thought life because thoughts try to sink into your heart.
- There is a spiritual war that takes place to get your blessings to you, so never change your confession.