

There are challenges and difficulties that we must learn how to endure with long-suffering and faith, knowing that God is faithfully working through these hardships to make us more like Jesus... But there are also many challenges and difficulties that we were NEVER meant to ever endure, but to OVERCOME through the power of the Holy Spirit by FAITH in the clearly revealed promises of God.

- **Do you passively accept every difficulty as from God or are you a good soldier ready and able to fight the good fight of faith?**
- **Do you have a lazy faith or a fighting faith?**
- **Sometimes we get confused about when to be patient and wait in faith, and when to stand up and fight in faith.**

"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our FAITH." (1 John 5:4)

- **Our FAITH was designed to EMPOWER us to CHANGE the WORLD and DESTROY the kingdom of DARKNESS, not just patiently endure and adapt to it!**

Jesus came to DESTROY the works of the DEVIL!

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8)

"And He said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.'" (Luke 10:18–19)

"The God of peace will CRUSH Satan under your feet shortly." (Romans 16:20)

- **Are you developing your faith to overcome the Enemy in every area of your life?**

Matt 6:25–30 / *"Do NOT worry about your life"*

Luke 18:1–8 / *Being Persistent until you receive!*

"But He said to them, 'Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?' Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm." (Matthew 8:26)

"Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief." (Matthew 13:58)

"And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'" (Matthew 14:31)

- **Jesus repeatedly confronted the disciples lack of faith... Their faith determined what amount of power and authority they could walk in, so Jesus is repeatedly urged them to BELIEVE and grow in FAITH!**
- **Many of us are good at suffering and enduring difficulties, BUT not very good and overcoming the attacks of the Enemy!**
- **Jesus wants us to learn how to believe and overcome in all circumstances!**

"Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread." But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "**O you of little faith**, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread?" (Matthew 16:6-8)

"And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "**Because of your unbelief**; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." (Matthew 17:18-21)

"Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "**Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?**" (Mark 4:39-40)

"But He said to them, "**Where is your faith?**" (Luke 8:25)

"Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and **He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart**, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen." (Mark 16:14)

"When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, **I have not found such great faith**, not even in Israel!" (Luke 7:9)

"Then He said to them, "**O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe** in all that the prophets have spoken!" (Luke 24:25)

"Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing...' "**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**" (John 20:27-29)

"Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and **as you have believed, so let it be done for you.**" And his servant was healed that same hour." (Matthew 8:13)

"Then He touched their eyes, saying, "**According to your faith let it be to you.**" (Matthew 9:29)

"Assuredly, I say to you, **if you have faith and do not doubt**, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." (Matt 21:21-22)

"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea,' **and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done**, he will have whatever he says." (Mark 11:23)

"Jesus said to him, "**If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.**" Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:23-24)

"Jesus said to him, "**Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me**, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" (John 14:9)