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The Spirit OF FAITH

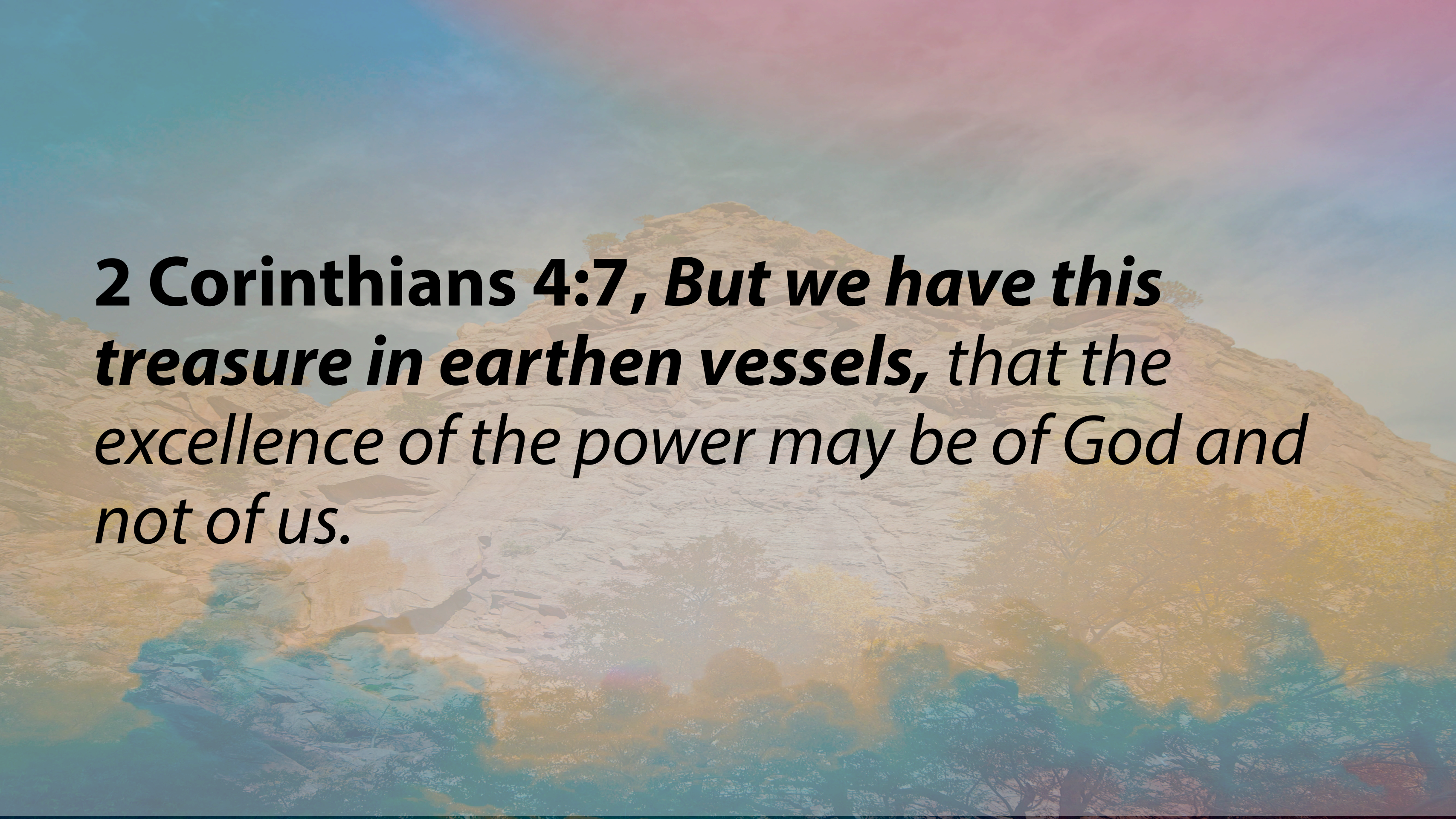
PART ONE

*A Lifestyle For
Provision & Favor*

*But since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written,
"I believed and therefore I spoke," We also believe and therefore speak."*

1 Corinthians 4:13

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A scenic landscape featuring a prominent, rocky mountain peak in the center. A river flows through the foreground, surrounded by lush green trees and vegetation. The sky is a mix of soft blue and pinkish-purple hues, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is peaceful and majestic.

2 Corinthians 4:7, *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*

We have this treasure in earthen vessels

- The thing we must realize is that God intends for us to embody the message of the gospel of Christ.
- God has confidence in those who follow Christ
- **God put His treasure inside of you**
- That should make us pay attention to what we do with ourselves, our minds and our bodies.

What is the “Spirit of Faith?”

This refers to a **disposition or attitude of faith** that aligns with the Word of God.

There is also the reality of the our human spirit infused by the Holy Spirit, producing bold and enduring faith.



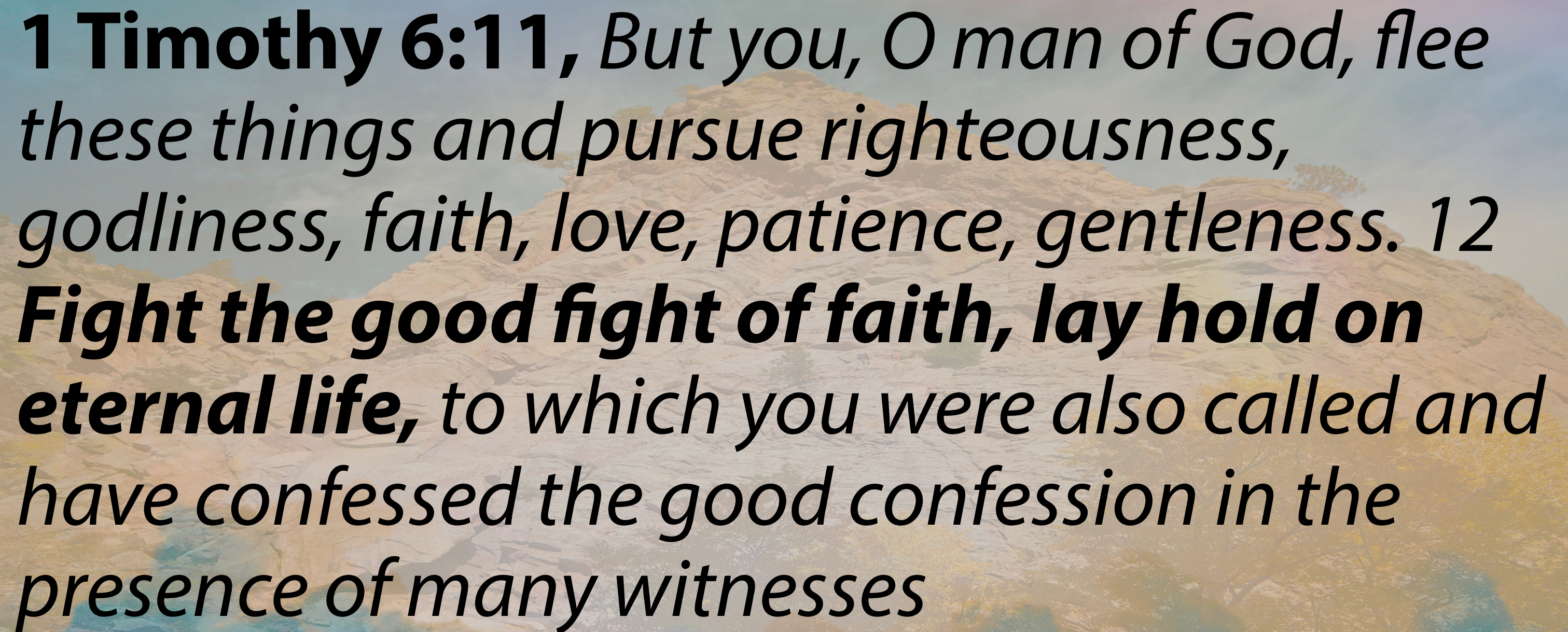
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PART TWO

The Spirit *The Good* **OF FAITH** *Fight of Faith*

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **1 Timothy 6:12**

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1 Timothy 6:11, *But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 **Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life,** to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses*

What is faith in God?

Faith in God is an active, results-producing belief, that involves applying God's Word, taking action based on His promises.

Hebrews 11:1, *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

Weymouth's translation: *“Now faith is a well grounded assurance of that for which we hope, and a conviction of the reality of things which we do not see.”*

What is faith in God?

The Amplified Bible, *“Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality - faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.”*

The New Century Version: *“Faith means being sure of the things we hope for, and faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.”*

What is a Good Fight?

A good fight is the one in which you know the outcome.

A good fight of faith is knowing almighty God is on your side, fighting your battles.

What is a Bad Fight?

A bad fight happens when we are not prepared. Like not being prepared to take a test in school.

Only a **lifestyle** of preparation and study will prepare you for academic success.

**PEOPLE MAY ADMIRE
YOUR TALENT, BUT THEY
TRUST YOUR CONSISTENCY.**

Faith in God has to be Developed

2 Thessalonians 1:3, *We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, **because your faith grows exceedingly**, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,*

What Does Growing Faith Look Like?

- Growing faith looks like consistent good works.
- Growing faith looks like excellence in what we do.
- Growing faith looks like what we've been doing over this 40 day emphasis, Bible reading, prayer, fasting, having agreement in purpose and practice.

How Do We Fight the Good Fight of Faith?

Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 **looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

How Do We Fight the Good Fight of Faith?

- **Start with** *“Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith.”* Jesus gave you faith in the beginning and He will finish or perfect it.
- **Lay aside weights and sins** that easily ensnare
- **Run with endurance** the race marked out for you
- **Exercise patience.** Hebrews 6:12, *Do not become [a]sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

Do Not Become Weary and Faint

Galatians 6:9 KJV, *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

Hebrews 12:3, *For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls*

Do Not Become Weary and Faint

A lack of faith or faithfulness can cause fainting or losing heart.

We are all subject to circumstances and if we face those circumstances in our own strength, we will faint.

Just like a person deprived of nutrition, hydration, or oxygen will faint, we will faint operating outside of God's person and provision.

What Does a Good Fight of Faith Look Like?

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

*We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed;
we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but
not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed*

What Does a Good Fight of Faith Look Like?

1 John 4:4, *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

Hard pressed on every side – **not crushed**

Perplexed – **not in despair**

Persecuted – **not forsaken**

Struck down – **not destroyed**



You have the Spirit of Faith

You have the lifestyle of faith in God

You are fighting the good fight of faith!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

I have the Spirit of Faith which is a proper disposition and attitude aligned with the word of God. By the grace of God, I live a lifestyle that supports the Spirit of Faith.

I flee from lesser things, I fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on the benefits of eternal life.

I walk by faith and not by sight. Faith in God is an active, results-producing belief, that involves applying God's Word, taking action based on His promises.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

By God's grace my faith grows exceedingly and is being developed every day in good times and bad.

I fight the good fight of faith by Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of my faith.

I fight the good fight of faith laying aside weights and sins that easily ensnare me

I fight the good fight of faith running with endurance the race marked out for me

I fight the good fight of faith by exercising patience.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

I will not grow weary in well doing: for in due season I shall reap, if I do not faint. There is no fainting in me because I let the Lord fight my battles.

Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world

I may be hard pressed on every side, but not crushed

I may be perplexed, but not in despair

I may be, persecuted, but not forsaken

I may be struck down, but not destroyed

I always triumph in Christ!