

The Fight

The Bible says a great deal about the fight of the Christian life.

1 Timothy 1:18 “This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;”

1 Corinthians 9:26 “I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:”

2 Corinthians 10:3 “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:”

2 Corinthians 10:4 “(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)”

Ephesians 6:12 “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.”

2 Timothy 4:7 “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:”

2 Timothy 2:3 “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”

2 Timothy 3:11 “Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.”

2 Timothy 4:5 “But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”

What do all these verses have in common? Being in the ministry means a sure fight.

We are at war. We have an adversary. We have veteran assassins after us. We are on foreign soil, behind enemy lines, and under constant surveillance by the wicked one.

The fight will get to us at times. It will make us weary. It will wear on our wife, our children, and our own hearts. But that is why He gave us Isaiah 40:31 and other verses promising protection, strength, help, and His presence.

Do not be surprised when the fight comes to you.

Do not be surprised when the fight comes from a place you never suspected.

Do not be surprised when it is your spouse who is under attack.

Do not even be surprised when it is someone you love dearly who attacks you.

We are called to be soldiers, ambassadors, and to live as strangers. We are not home yet, Pilgrim.

Don't Quit!

I remember one of the first things I heard from Brother Hyles was that every college guy was to get his dictionary and cut out the words QUIT AND COMPROMISE. He said it was easy because they are not in the same spot under "K."

Good memories from the man who fought a good fight.

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