

# Faith Is Spiritual Warfare Too

**In *Faith Is Spiritual Warfare Too*, Pastor Larry Folson reveals that faith is not a passive waiting game, but an active spiritual battle where you must aggressively take hold of what God has already provided In Christ Jesus. In this teaching, you will learn how the enemy targets your heart to induce doubt, how to resist unbelief with the same intensity as sin, and how to enforce the authority of Jesus' Lordship over every obstacle in your life. Furthermore, you will discover how true faith—rooted in the love of God—empowers you to stand in the gap through bold intercessory prayer to see your family, community, and nation healed, saved, and delivered.**



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## Introduction

Faith is not a passive waiting game; it is an active spiritual war where you must aggressively fight to hold onto what God has already provided in Christ Jesus. Through this teaching, you will learn how to guard your heart against demonic opposition, resist doubt with the same intensity as sin, and use the authority of Jesus' Lordship to enforce His victory over every area of your life.

## The Reality of Spiritual Warfare

Alrighty, let me tell you something that the Lord dropped down into my spirit. He said: Faith is Spiritual Warfare and I began to see like a download into my spirit the teaching with Scripture showing me this truth.

**James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

Submit to God and resist the devil; that is a warfare statement right there. The Word also tells us that we must take aggressive action to grab hold of what belongs to us.

**1 Timothy 6:12 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.**

That word "lay hold" is the Greek word *lambano*, which means to grab ahold of it. We are in a kingdom where we are about to suffer violence, and we have to take it by force.

**Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.**

Jesus showed us that the kingdom is preached, and everyone has to press into it.

**Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.**

We are called to labor to enter into our rest. We have a keyword here: labor.

**Hebrews 4:11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.**

Jesus is our promised land of rest, but entering that rest requires a fight.

**Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

It says right there that we fight. In the Old Covenant, God promised Israel the land, and an angel went before them, but they still had to go in and fight to drive out the inhabitants and dispossess them. It is the exact same thing for you today. It is a spiritual fight, a spiritual war.

## **Guarding the Gateway of Your Heart**

Then the Lord showed me where the real battlefield is located.

**Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.**

The keyword is guard your heart. The enemy will try to break into your heart to get you to stop believing. It all starts with getting an understanding that you must continue to believe. Believing it, you will receive it. You have to believe the promises of God, and that is the fight: the fight to continue to believe in spite of all the things that look completely opposite to what the Word of God says.

Look at what happened in the Book of Daniel. The moment he prayed and set his heart to understand, his prayer was answered immediately, but a war broke out right away in the unseen realm.

**Daniel 10:12–13** Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia."

The angel came to bring his answer, but the archangel had to come help him defeat the enemy to get the answer through. So it is a spiritual war. As we stand trusting and believing God's Word, angels are fighting on our behalf.

**Hebrews 1:14** Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

They are ministering for us who are the heirs of righteousness, heirs of what Jesus has done for us. This is why God gets frustrated if we don't stay in faith—because angels are actively engaging in war on our behalf. God is moving and causing things to happen in the invisible so that they manifest in our physical world. He is arranging and rearranging things in the invisible so it can come to pass in your visible world.

The key is to stay in faith at all times. Continue to believe in spite of what you see, continue to believe in spite of what you hear, and believe only. That is what Jesus told Jairus when the report came that things had gotten even worse.

**Mark 5:36** As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

So faith in itself is a fight. You have to fight, and that fight is won down on the inside of you. Hold your peace, continue to believe, don't get frustrated, don't doubt, and don't get discouraged. God is going to honor His Word.

## **Pushing Back Demonic Opposition**

That is what it means to fight the good fight of faith in Jesus. It is a spiritual war, and you have to push back. You have to speak back to those demons and devils that try to stop, block, or hinder God's Word from coming to pass. All those negative thoughts and feelings that you start feeling all of a sudden—where do they come from? They come from demonic opposition trying to force you to feel a certain kind of way to make you feel insignificant, unworthy, or like it's not going to happen.

We see this same thing in the Book of Zechariah with Zerubbabel and Joshua. The enemy was right there opposing them.

**Zechariah 3:1–2 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"**

Satan himself was at the right hand opposing Joshua, but God Himself rebuked Satan, telling him, "I have chosen him." It is the same with us.

**Ephesians 1:4 Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.**

We have been chosen by God before the foundation of the world, and our righteousness is of Christ Jesus, so the enemy cannot bring an accusation against us.

**Isaiah 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This**

**is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me, says the Lord.**

The tongue of the enemy comes with thoughts and feelings that make you feel a certain way contrary to what the Word of God says you are and have in Jesus. Trying to make you doubt and look at other things to cause you to sink and fail. That is what happened when Peter was walking on the water.

**Matthew 14:29–30 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"**

When Peter took his eyes off Jesus and started looking at the wind—looking at something opposite of Jesus—he began to sink. So you have to keep your eyes on the Word. That is what it means to keep your eyes before you and keep the Word in your mouth.

**Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.**

**Proverbs 4:20–21 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart.**

Always look in the scriptures and focus on what Jesus has already accomplished for you. Say it is so. Say, "I believe it." When the enemy comes, say, "I believe what Jesus has done for me. I believe in who I am." Just tell the devil you believe and he'll back up. Resist him and rebuke him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Tell him what Jesus has done for you, tell him what belongs to you, and tell him you take hold of what Jesus has done and you are not going to stop believing it.

## **Resisting Doubt Like Sin**

Glory to God, you must resist doubt like you resist sin! You need to understand that things will really change in your life if you resist doubt and disbelief like sin. If you resist doubt, disbelief, sickness, and disease like you resist sin, you're going to win.

Now, if people don't resist sin because they don't know how to resist sin's temptations, they won't be able to resist doubt's temptations—the temptations to doubt and disbelieve God's Word. It all starts with warfare against your own sinful lifestyle and sinful nature. That's what God taught me first: He taught me to bind my sin nature. But I didn't know that principle also applies to my faith, my promises, and my provisions. You have to bind the thoughts and feelings of the enemy trying to get you to disbelieve God, resist them, and say it is so.

Say what Jesus has done for you and declare His grace to your mountains.

**Zechariah 4:7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"**

Those mountains and oppositions will bow to the Lordship of Jesus Christ over your life. Jesus is the Lord of your life, and when you declare His Lordship over your life, the enemy will bow to that Lordship. He has to loose all your blessings and let go of all the financial obstacles he's trying to bring about. You break their power off the enemy that's trying to hold you down. Even the sicknesses in your body have to bow to the Lordship of Jesus over your life. That is powerful! It has to bow to the Lordship of Jesus over your life, and that is what it means to fight the good fight of faith. It is literally a war. Faith is spiritual warfare.

## **Fighting for What You Love**

The other thing the Lord brought to my attention is when they were building the wall in Nehemiah's day. The enemy tried to come and distract them from building, but what were they told to do?

**Nehemiah 4:14 And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the remainder of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."**

Fight for your family! You have to fight the good fight of faith by speaking the blessings and the promises of God over your own family members. Speak the Word of God over their lives; you can fight for them.

So again, faith is spiritual warfare in itself, and that's why love is the foundation of it.

**Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.**

When you love your family, you'll fight for your family. You fight for what you love; it's just the way we were created. We were created to fight for what we love.

**Mark 12:30–31 "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.**

When you love the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul, and body, you also learn to love your neighbor as yourself. You've got to love yourself enough to live right, to resist sin, sickness, and disease in your life. Then you've got to love other people like you love yourself.

If you were sick, wouldn't you want somebody to pray for you? If you weren't saved, wouldn't you want someone praying for your salvation? If

you needed deliverance, wouldn't you want somebody praying for your deliverance? Yes, you would! That is loving your neighbor as yourself. When you see a person being beat up, beat down, and torn down by the enemy, bind the works of the enemy over their life.

It is just like the men who picked up their friend and tore the roof off the building to get him to Jesus.

**Mark 2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."**

That is symbolic of corporate prayer—taking two people agreeing and touching on something.

**Matthew 18:19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven."**

What are you doing? You're taking that person to Jesus in prayer. You're standing on that Word together in prayer and fighting the good fight of faith for them so they can be healed and delivered, no matter what you see contrary to Scripture. When you know what Jesus has done for you, you can pray what Jesus has done for them. This is not rocket science; this is the powerful fruit of the Kingdom way of doing things. God loves you, so stand in His love, pray His love over everyone, and win the fight of faith!

## **Standing Strong in the Love and Power of Faith**

Faith is spiritual warfare, and we must never take it lightly. We must have the bold faith to lay hold of every single promise provided for us in Christ Jesus. But our faith cannot stop with ourselves. We must have that same aggressive faith to fight and pray for our loved ones, our communities, our cities, our states, and our nation. We stand in faith believing God to heal, save, and deliver everywhere He places us.

Because faith works by love, when we abide continuously in the love of God that has been given to us in Christ Jesus, our hearts will naturally

overflow with intercessory prayers of love and faith for others. Fight the good fight, stand in His love, and watch God bring the victory!