

WALK OUT YOUR FAITH! (you're not walking alone)

*Romans 12:1-3*

*1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

*2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

*3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man **the** measure of faith.*

Are you IN it to WIN it? When a bad situation comes along, do you honestly take a stand against it and "win it," or do you just half-heartedly "try" to use your faith, not truly believing God's Word at all? - Do you just let the devil have his way? You have to realize that Satan is defeated! He's been stripped naked by Jesus, and he is totally powerless against you! ***And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*** (Colossians 2:15) Now that's good news! If you belong to Jesus - if you've made Him your Lord and Savior, then the devil has lost all dominion over you, but until you begin walking in the authority that Jesus gave to you over him, you will still live a defeated life.

In order to "win it," you have to be IN IT - **in faith** that is! In Romans 12:3 God's Word says that He gave every single person ever born the amount of faith they need for every conflict that would ever arise in their life! Now that's good news! There is absolutely nothing that you go through that God doesn't know about. He is all knowing - He knew you before the foundation of the earth! *According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.* (Ephesians 1:4) God knows everything about you inside and out! He knows you better than you know yourself - He created you! When He sees you get off track, He's the One trying to get you back on course through His Holy Spirit. He constantly speaks to you, is drawing you to Himself, and loves you more than anyone in this world could ever love you! He died for you! He loves you so much that He promised to NEVER leave you or forsake you! (Hebrews 13:5) God has big plans for your life! *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to **prosper** you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope and a future.*** (Jeremiah 29:11) Andrew Wommack says that God has a picture of him in His wallet and an 8x10 of him on His wall, and He thinks the same of you! God has nothing but LOVE for you!

God wants you to live free from sicknesses and diseases. That's why He required Jesus to be scourged - for you to have **wholeness** in your body. You have been healed by Jesus stripes! (1 Peter 2:24) God needs you healthy and well so you can do what He called you to do! He wants you to have abundance so you can give - He needs you to be a blessing to others - He wants to help them, but He needs to do it through you! That's why God has blessed you with every spiritual blessing! *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*** (Ephesians 1:3) Our Pastor tells us that if God can get it through you, He

will get it to you. God gives you to give away! You don't have to wait for the blessings to overtake you or to run you down, like it says in the Old Testament. We are under the new blood covenant - the covenant of the sinless, spotless, Lamb of God - Jesus' covenant, and under His covenant, you have been blessed already! When you receive Jesus, you received everything you will ever need or desire! When you have Him, you have everything! Jesus became poor so you could be rich! (2 Corinthians 8:9) You are rich in **every area** of your life!

The most widely accepted thing that Jesus did for you is to die in your place and for your sins. While Jesus was hanging on the cross, the Spirit of God left Him, just as God's Spirit left Adam when he disobeyed God. Adam became spiritually dead, and therefore, every baby ever brought into this world after him is also spiritually dead because they have the corruptible seed of Adam. They are born with a sin nature, and they are in need of a Savior! Jesus became spiritually dead on the cross when God's Holy Spirit left Him, and He cried out to God, asking Him why He forsook Him. Jesus had never before felt the absence of His Heavenly Father before that time. Jesus became spiritually dead for your benefit on the cross, paying the full penalty for your sins, as a 100% man without God in His life! Just as when a person rejects Jesus on this earth (never being born again) then dies and goes to Hell, Jesus also had to pay the full penalty of an unbeliever in order to make a way for them to be saved.

Since Jesus never sinned, it was illegal for the devil to keep Him though! Jesus, being sinless, defeated Hell, death, and the grave for you - in your place so you wouldn't have to go through any of it! That's the grace of God!

Yes, if you are in faith when the devil tries to raise up against you, you will resist him and send him running with his tail between his legs! *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)* If you are constantly consistent when it comes to the Word of God and you stay focused on what God says instead of what the world and the devil says about things, then you will live a **victorious** life, which is what God provided for you. This is what God desires for you - it is His will! *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that **all** should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)* It is God's will that **every** person would have eternal life. *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. (John 17:3)* God wants us to KNOW Him!

Don't get your eyes off of God and on the world around you. don't get tired of doing what you have to do to stay on top of things. *And let us not be weary in well doing: for **in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.** (Galatians 6:9)* Think about it: Other peoples' lives are in **your** hands - they depend on **you**. You are someone else' miracle! If you aren't in faith when something happens, your confidence in God may not be up where it should - it could cost them their life! You see, God saved you for a purpose (if you are born again) He didn't just save you and give you all of the benefits that goes along with your gift only for yourself. God's in the business of blessing and loving people and that's what He expects you to do! He gave **you** His power and authority and His love. He gave you His strength to carry things out. *And these signs shall follow them that **believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (Mark 16:17, 18)* God's Word says that if you are a BELIEVER that you would be **doing** these things. Are you? Can you truly say that you are a **believer** of Jesus?

Remember: You are now the body of Christ if you have God's Spirit living in you. You are now taking Jesus' place on this earth, as He is taking yours in Heaven. You are here in His name and in His authority. The Holy Spirit is your helper. He gives you the power DO the things you are called to do. He helps you to cast out demons. He helps you to speak with new tongues. He helps you to stay well for yourself, and also heal the sick. He does it through you! He can't do a thing without you. He needs a body, and YOU are the body of Christ! You aren't just a natural being as you were before you were saved. You are a **supernatural** being, able to function just as Jesus did on this earth! You are a product of distinction!

Get into the Word of God and **meditate** on it beginning with today! Put God first place in your life by putting His Word first place! God's Word is the most powerful thing in the universe and it will change you as you get it off the shelf and in your heart and mind. Meditate on what God is speaking to you through it -speak what God says you have over the symptoms you feel and over the empty bank account you see. As you speak Gods Word it will begin to change your life and those around you. Speak God's Word - His blessings and promises over your loved ones and this wonderful nation in which God has given to us! Give Him a chance to change things for the better! Be His vessel - His mouthpiece, His hands, and His feet! Be known, not only to God, but to those around you, as knowing God and having a close relationship with Him, so they know where to turn when they need prayer! Be known to the devil and his imps and make them tremble at the name of Jesus! Make them bow at that name and don't ever give up! Be known by association of Jesus Christ, your Lord!

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