

Frequency War Over What God Has Spoken To You

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[1Ti 1:18-19 NASB95] 18 This command I entrust to you, Timothy, [my] son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, 19 keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

- I was leaving class, and a classmate asked me to come to her. She told me that God would give me a harvest for something I have sown for most of my life. "Take the harvest," she said. The next AM, I received a phone call that would correspond to that word. It was life-altering. Nearly 15 minutes after that call, I received another word confirming the first and the phone call. I have had to wrestle with that word.
- Paul commands Timothy to take the prophecies about himself and "fight the good fight."
- God's promises and words show us what God wants for us. We have a role to play. It is a fight.

What is involved in fighting for the things that God has specifically spoken to us?

Here are three things involved in the fight for the things God has spoken to us.

I. We need to go to war over the things that God has spoken to us.

- A.** Paul commands Timothy to go to war. This informs us that war for the things of God is expected. In most cases, there are no easy victories.
- B.** [2Ki 13:18-19 NASB95] 18 Then he said, "Take the arrows," and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground," and he struck [it] three times and stopped. 19 So the man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck five or six times, then you would have struck Aram until you would have destroyed [it.] But now you shall strike Aram [only] three times."
- C.** We must be all in if we will fulfill His call on our lives. [Col 4:17 NASB95] 17 Say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."
- D.** The promises of God are worth fighting for. Be strong in the Lord. Be willing to fight for it just because God wants to give it to you.

II. We need to keep fighting for what God has spoken to us.

- A.** **The term keeping the faith has a meaning of endurance to it.**
- B.** What God says to you does not always come to pass quickly. During those waiting times, the Word will try you. [Psa 105:17-19 NASB95] 17 He sent a man before them, Joseph, [who] was sold as a slave. 18 They afflicted his feet with fetters, He himself was laid in irons; 19 Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him.
- C.** Are we going to keep holding on to the word?
- D.** Don't become weak in faith. Don't waver in unbelief. Become fully assured. [Rom 4:16-22 NASB95] 16 For this reason [it is] by faith, in order that [it may be] in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, [even] God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. 18 In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." 19 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; 20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but

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grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. 22 Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

III. We must refuse to compromise about what God has spoken to us.

- A.** The end does not justify the means. Saul had the kingdom taken from him because he disregarded what God said for him to do so he could keep his victory.
 - B.** Jeroboam had one of the greatest personal prophecies not come to pass because he compromised the commands of God.
 - a. The promise. [1Ki 11:31, 37-38 NASB95] 31 He said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes ... 37 'I will take you, and you shall reign over whatever you desire, and you shall be king over Israel. 38 'Then it will be, that if you listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight by observing My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build you an enduring house as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.
 - b. The compromise. [1Ki 12:26-28 NASB95] 26 Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. 27 "If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, [even] to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah." 28 So the king consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt."
 - c. The tragic result. [1Ki 13:34 NASB95] 34 This event became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to blot [it] out and destroy [it] from off the face of the earth.
 - C.** Stay in obedience and integrity as you pursue the promise of God in your life.
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- **God wants us to fight for what He has spoken to us, which will require us to persevere as we walk in obedience and integrity.**