B. God's commandments are for our good!

"12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

13 and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?" Deuteronomy 10:12-13

IV. WORSHIP THE ONLY TRUE GOD

A. God is in control.

"which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords," I Timothy 6:15

"28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Romans 8:28-29

B. God is eternal.

"who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen." I Timothy 6:16

"I Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."

Psalm 90:1-2

FIGHT FOR YOUR FAITH

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INTRODUCTION

A. Let's face it, life is like a fight. And we often feel like we are losing. But God wants us to know that the ultimate victory has already been won by Jesus! Now He wants to help us win and to finish our lives like the Apostle Paul who said,

"I have fought the good fight,..."

II Timothy 4:7a

Yes, this life we are called to live is sometimes a fight. But we don't have to lose, we can win through Jesus!

B. Let's be honest and admit that not all our battles are of equal significance. But there are some that literally make or break the potential of our lives. Join us for THE FIGHT Teaching Series! Discover how we can win the battles that matter the most by applying six "fight" Bible passages.

Mar 31	Jesus Fought For Us And Won!
TODAY	Fight For Your Faith
Apr 14	Fight For Your Family
Apr 21	Fight For Your Focus
Apr 28	Fight For Your Freedom
May 5	Fight For Your Faithfulness

C. TEXT: I Timothy 6:12-16

The number one enemy of faith is doubt.

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

Genesis 3:1

HOW TO FIGHT FOR YOUR FAITH

"Fight the good fight of faith..." I Timothy 6:12a

I. CHOOSE TO BELONG

A. Accept Christ by faith to possess eternal life.

"...lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called..." I Timothy 6:12b

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

I Corinthians 1:9

- **B.** Be baptized to publicly profess Christ.
 - "...and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses...." I Timothy 6:12c
 - "3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

 Romans 6:3-4
- **C.** Commit to our church family for encouragement.

"...in the presence of many witnesses."

I Timothy 6:12d

"12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Hebrews 3:12-13

II. FOLLOW THE COURAGE OF JESUS

A. Jesus as our example stood strong during the hardest time ever.

"I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate," I Timothy 6:13

"11 Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

Matthew 27:11

B. Jesus did not shrink in dealing with Pilate because He was in The Father's power, not Pilate's.

"10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above...."

John 19:10-11a

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II Corinthians 5:21

C. Jesus found strength through prayer.

"And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed," Luke 22:41

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

III. FULLY OBEY THE BIBLE

A. The Bible reveals God's commandments and we are to keep them.

"that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing," I Timothy 6:14

"If you love Me, keep My commandments."