V. WE FIGHT!

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58

A. Fight for your faith.

"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."

I Timothy 6:12

B. Fight for your family.

"And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest 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." Nehemiah 4:14

C. Fight for your focus.

"Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air." I Corinthians 9:26

D. Fight for your freedom.

"If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."

I Samuel 17:9

E. Fight for your faithfulness.

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

JESUS FOUGHT FOR US AND WON!

FIGHT Jesus Fought For Us And Won! Pastor Steve Reynolds

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.

TODAY	Jesus Fought For Us And Won!
Apr 7	Fight For Your Faith
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May 5	Fight For Your Faithfulness

C. TEXT: I Corinthians 15:55-58

HOW JESUS FOUGHT FOR US AND WON!

I. WE SIN!

A. Death resulted from sin.

"The sting of death is sin, ..." I Corinthians 15:56a

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—" Romans 5:12

B. The law revealed our sin.

"...and the strength of sin is the law."

I Corinthians 15:56b

"Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

Romans 3:20

II. GOD GIVES!

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory...."

I Corinthians 15:57a

A. God is generous.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." James 1:17

B. God gives us victory.

"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ,..." II Corinthians 2:14a

C. God offers the free gift of salvation.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23

III. JESUS FOUGHT!

"... who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:57b

A. Jesus fought for us by dying for our sins.

"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures," I Corinthians 15:3

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit," I Peter 3:18

The brutal and vicarious fight Jesus endured for us is described in Matthew 27:26-50.

B. Jesus fought for us by resurrecting from the grave.

"and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,"

I Corinthians 15:4

IV. DEATH LOST

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" I Corinthians 15:55

A. Death was defeated through resurrection of Jesus.

"25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." John 11:25-27

B. Eternal life in heaven is given to everyone who puts their trust in Christ.

"11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

I John 5:11-12