

#### IV. STUDY AND MEMORIZE THE BIBLE

*“...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;”*  
Ephesians 6:17b

*“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”*  
Psalm 119:11

#### V. PRAY ALWAYS

*“18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—  
19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,  
20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”* Ephesians 6:18-20

*“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,”* Luke 18:1

#### VI. BUILD COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT

*“21 But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you;  
22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.  
23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.”* Ephesians 6:21-24

Build your community by practicing the one another commandments.

### FIGHT FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS

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### Fight For Your Faithfulness

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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!
Apr 7	Fight For Your Faith
Apr 14	Fight For Your Family
Apr 21	Fight For Your Focus
Apr 28	Fight For Your Freedom
TODAY	Fight For Your Faithfulness

C. **TEXT:** Ephesians 6:10-20

The number one enemy of faithfulness is inconsistency.

*“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

The Christian life is a full time lifestyle.

## HOW TO FIGHT FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS

### I. RELY ON GOD'S STRENGTH, NOT YOUR OWN

*"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."* Ephesians 6:10

*"So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.:"* Zechariah 4:6

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13

### II. KNOW YOUR ENEMY IS THE DEVIL

*"11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*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."* Ephesians 6:11-12

*"8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

*9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith..."* I Peter 5:8-9a

### III. PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

*"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."* Ephesians 6:13

Paul was in a Roman prison cell when he wrote Ephesians and was surrounded by Roman soldiers.

*"Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him."* Acts 28:16

## THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

### A. Put on the belt of truth.

*"Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,..."* Ephesians 6:14a

The truth is Jesus.

### B. Put on the breastplate of righteousness.

*"... having put on the breastplate of righteousness,"* Ephesians 6:14b

Righteousness is obedience to God.

### C. Put on the gospel of peace.

*"and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;"* Ephesians 6:15

Peace is peace with God which comes through salvation.

### D. Put on the shield of faith.

*"above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."* Ephesians 6:16

Faith is confident obedience to the Word of God regardless of circumstances or consequences.

### E. Put on the helmet of salvation.

*"And take the helmet of salvation,..."* Ephesians 6:17a

Salvation is total deliverance.