

# Endure hardness as a Good Soldier of Jesus Christ

Timothy 2 v 3

It has been War from the beginning!!!

Spiritual=Adam and Eve in the garden, has God said?

Result of sin. I will put enmity between thy seed. Genesis 3 v 15

Physical 1st Murder -Cain murdered Abel .Genesis 4 v 4-10

1st battle- Five Kings -Abraham.

Genesis 14 v 2

Goliath- Satanic challenge. Give me a man to fight.

1 Samuel 17 v 10

## God always has a man

Moses to lead.

Exodus 7 v 1

Joshua to fight.

Exodus 17 v 13

Samuel to Minister.

1 Samuel 7 v 10

Nathan to warn.

2 Samuel 12 v 7

A Solomon to rule.

1 Kings 2 v 12

Paul to Preach;

Acts 15 v 35

## Rebellion in Heaven.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

**Isaiah 14 v 12-15**

### **Fire goes before Him.**

A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**Psalms 97 v 3-6**

### **War in heaven**

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

**Revelation 12 v 7**

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

**Revelation 17 v 14**

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

**Revelation 18 v 21**

## **Soldiers Obey Orders.**

We will not hearken.

**Jeremiah 44 v 16**

## **We Wrestle not**

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**Ephesians 6 v 12 - 1**

## **Who are we fighting?**

**Satan** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him,

**Matthew 4 v 1-3**

## **Parable of the two sons**

But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

**Matthew 21 v 28-30**

Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.

**Exodus 5 v 2**

## **Korah and Dathan**

Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD? And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:

**Numbers 16 v 1-4**

## **We Wrestle not against Flesh and Blood.**

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places

**. Ephesians 6 v 12**

Amalek must die.

For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

**Exodus 17 v 16**

**1 Samuel 15 v 1- Deuteronomy 25 v 15**

## **Flesh lust against the Spirit.**

**Galatians 5 v 17**

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God

### **Sow to the flesh reap corruption**

**Galatians 6 v 8-21**

Whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey His servants ye are.

**Romans 6 v 16**

### **Spiritual Battle**

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you.

**1 Peter 4 v 12**

**Proof of Paul's ministry** I bear in my body the marks.

**Galatian 6 v 17**

Yea , and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution

**2 Timothy 3v 12**

Yes, and all whose purpose is to be living in the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus, will be cruelly attacked.

**2 Timothy 3 v12**

If any man love the world or the things in the world;

**1 John 2 v 15**

The Division= **Light darkness**= Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**Matthew 5 v 14**

## **Straight Gate / Narrow way**

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. **Matthew 7 v 14**

Wheat/ tares – Grow Together. **Matthew 13 v 36**

Sheep/Goats. **Matthew 25 v 32**

Resurrection Just/Unjust-Heaven /Hell **Acts 24 v 15**

Enemies purpose to deflect us /

One degree of course/ New York.

## **Divert us to look upon our circumstances,**

Peter on the stormy sea **Mark 4 v 37**

Lots wife to look back to sin city; **Genesis 19 v 26**

Israel to crave for cucumbers in Egyp; **Numbers 11 v 5**

## **Discourage us.**

When we see the speck in our brothers eye. **Matthew 6 v 23**

## **Defeat us**

by dividing us. If two of you shall agree. **Matthew 6 v 24**

**Unity!** Christian Marriage. **Mark 3 v 23**

## **Destroy us.**

When there is hidden sin in the heart. Amalek must be destroyed. The old nature the old man must die. Hidden sin in the camp covetousness/ Idol worship Compromise with the world

## **No Root.**

But he that receiveth the seed in stony ground is he that heareth the word and anon receiveth it with joy. Yet he hath no root in himself, but endures for awhile. When tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, by and by he is offended. Matthew 13 v 21

## **No Separation**

Touch not the unclean thing. Come ye apart; 2 Corinthians 6 v 14

If any man love the world or the things in the world 1 John 2 v 15

**Umbilical Chord** with the world must be cut!!! 2 Corinthians 6 v 17

No trust in the world or its methods. Cannot build Gods kingdom with the devils bricks. Not by effort or eloquence, experience, education or expertise,

Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit saith the Lord. Zechariah 4 v 6

## **The Victory**

Thanks be to God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ Jesus

2 Corinthians 2 v 14

Weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus

2 Corinthians 10 v 4

## **No sacrificial life.**

Take now thine only son whom thou lovest Genesis 22 v 1

All on the altar I lay

**Annanias and Safiras.** Kept part back.

Acts 5 v

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They overcame him by the blood of the Lam, the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto death      **Revelation 12 v 11**

Two

What hardships the prophets endured. “And what shall I more say? For the time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah; of David and Samuel....

Women received their dead raised to life again and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of..... **Hebrew 11 v 32/40.**

Wherefore seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin, which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience t

**Hebrews 12 v 1/2**

**Joseph** was in the pit before the palace.

**Genesis 37 v 24**

**Daniel** was cast into the lions den.

**Daniel 6 v 16**

**Sha’drack Me’shack A-bed-ni-go**

were cast into the fiery furnace.

**Daniel 3 v 23**

**Paul and Si’las** cast into prison and sang praises to God at midnight.

**Acts 16 v 25**



## **Christ faced the cross in the garden.**

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground **Luke 22 v 44**

## **Paul an example**

Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; **2 Corinthians 11 v 23/25**

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroy

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. **2 Corinthians 4 v 8-11**

## **The prophets an example**

Take my brethren the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction and of patience.

**James 5 v 10**

## **The Lord Jesus an example**

And being in agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. **Luke 22 v 44**

For even hereunto you were called: because Christ suffered for us leaving an example, that ye should follow his steps. **1 Peter 2 v 21**

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared. Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things that he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him. **Hebrews 5 v 8.**

The Spirit testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and the glory to follow. **1 Peter 1 v 11**

### Christ Disciples

Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ sufferings, that when his glory shall ye may be glad with exceeding joy. **1 Peter 4 v 12**

**Read. 1 Peter 3 v 17/1 Peter 4 v 1/ v 11/ 1 Peter 5 v 1**

**Endure thou therefore hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

**2 Timothy 2 v 3 – 4**

4 No man who warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

This concept of being a good soldier of Jesus Christ of actually fighting the good fight of faith seems to be missing in western Christianity today. The church militant. The wrath of the enemy stirred in the 17th century when the John Wesley the George Whitfield and even in Victorian times when the salvation army took to the streets with its Preaching the Gospel and anti alcohol campaign

Bro Joe reminded us that God first uses a man then there is a movement then a machine then they erect a monument.

Where is this Spirit of Elijah? Who could call the fire down.

Fill four barrels with water. Pour more water. Do it a second time and they did it a second time and he said do it a third time and they did it a third time .

**1 Kings 18 v 33**

Pushing the barriers of Faith. He believed God

God loves faith. Faith is not faith without testing in the fire..

**Hebrews 12 v 29**

Our God is a consuming fire.

Heaven earth kept in store reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

**1 Peter 1 v 7**

The fire of a God that reveals sin that burns that test....

Works tried in the fire .....

**1 Corinthians 3 v 13-17**

The fire that descended on the altar as Solomon prepared the sacrifice and the priest could not minister for the glory of the Lord filled the house .

**2 Chronicles 7 v 1-3**

The fire that descended on Moses and Aaron after preparing the sacrifice and the fire of the Lord fell. **Leviticus 9**

So when all the people saw it they shouted and fell on their faces.

Lord, send your fire , burn up the dross in our lives.

Fire of judgement..” when Korah and all his house rebelled against the authority of Moses went down the pit when the earth opened up and the 250 men were killed when the Fire of the Lord fell.... **Numbers 22 v 35**

Moses “Put on your sword” **Exodus 32 v 26**

Slay everyman his brother. **Exodus 32 v 26**

Amalek must die: **1 Samuel 15 v 3**

Slay man woman infant suckling ox. **1 Samuel 15 v 3**

Fought with Israel. **Exodus 17 v 8**

Joshua fights. **Exodus 17 v 9**

Moses Prays Aaron and Hur hold up his arms. **Exodus 17 v 10**

Israel Prevailed **Exodus 17 v 16**

The Lord has sworn war with Amalek from generation to generation

Remember what AMELEK did ..... **Deuteronomy 25 v 17**

Blot out remembrance of Amalek **Deuteronomy 25 v 19**

Amalek represent the old man the spirit of Anti-Christ

## **The old man must die. In us**

How can this happen ?

Neglect the old;

Hebrews 2 v 3

Feed the new,

Luke 4 v 4

Put off; The old man;

Ephesians 4 v 22

Put On; The new Man;

Ephesians 4 v 24

## **The true cost of discipleship**

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

Mathew 10 v 34

## **The Spiritual Situation Today.**

The last days/End times. Sign of the times

Apostasy. Falling Away/ Idol Worship/Cults flourishing

Lovers pleasure more than lovers of God/Will not endure sound doctrine

### **Lukewarm Church**

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Revelation 3 v 16

So where are the good soldiers of Jesus Christ?

British Army

### **A conscript had to leave Home**

To be trained

And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

Mark 4 v 2

### **Basic Training;**

And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

Genesis 14 v 14

To obey orders And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

1 Samuel 15 v 22

### **Learned how to defend**

Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Psalms 82 v 3

For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

Isaiah 37 v 35

### **How to attack.**

And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah,...

Genesis 14 v 14

### **Ready to die**

Americans: Launch rockets and control drones

I have met many in The Philippines

A Pastor in Jail. Jesus my Master/ My Lord/ My Saviour

Pastor Dennis 4 Hours Prayer

Church in Vilnius

Lessons from a boys Last Tract

The story told of a father who went out distributing tract with his son,, There were few people about and the father struggled and was discouraged and told his son "Son I'm going Home". The boy had one last tract and was persistent, determined to give out his last tract

It came on to rain. He was tired and wanted to go home but he stayed until he saw one man. He offered the tract; The man could not read and asked what does it Say. He quoted "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son so that whomsoever should believe on him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3 v 16

The boy looked up to see tears in the man's eyes. He was saved. PTL

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds, 2 Corinthians 10 v 4

They overcame him by the

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

## **1/ Blood of the Lamb**

**Revelation 12 v 11**

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Hebrews 9 v 22

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5 v 8

## 2. Word of their testimony

Revelation 12 v 11

Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 1 Corinthians 1 v 6

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; 2 Timothy 1 v 8

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Hebrews 11 v 5

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1 v 9

## 3/ They loved not their lives unto death....

Revelation 12 v 11

And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead. Acts 14 v 19

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Acts 7 v 59

Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

Mark 15 v 32

The Sheppard boy "David" in contest with Golieth just used one stone.. and said; **I come to thee with**

Then said David to the Philistine,



Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield:  
but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the  
armies of Israel, whom thou hast de

1 Samuel 17 v 4

## 1/Name of the Lord of Host

This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite  
thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the  
host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild  
beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in  
Israel.

1 Samuel 17 v 45-46

## 2/ Faith: This day the Lord will.... ?

Without Faith

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to  
God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that  
diligently seek him

Hebrews 11 v 6

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are  
written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are  
come.

1 Corinthians 10 v 1

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith,  
longsuffering, charity, patience,

2 Timothy 3 v 10

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are  
able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ  
Jesus.

2 Timothy 3 v 15

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the  
faith:.

2 Timothy 4 v 7

**All that is not of faith is sin;**

**Romans 14 v 23**

An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

**Proverbs 21 v 4**

The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.

**Proverbs 24 v 9**

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

**Romans 14 v 23**

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

**1 Corinthians 15 v 56**

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

**James 4 v 17**

All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. **1 John 5 v 17**

**3/ Testimony:** That all the earth may know

All this assembly may know

**Basic Building blocks for Victory**

Life of prayer.

**1 Thessalonians 5 v 17**

Life of Faith.

**Hebrews 11 v 6**

Life of Obedience.

**John 2 v 4**

**Life of Sacrifice.**

**Romans 12 v 1**

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

**Romans 12 v 1**

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

**John 19 v 30**

## Life of Blessing

The LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

**Genesis 24 v 1**

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

**Genesis 12 v 2**

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; **Genesis 22 v 17**