

In Dire Times, Our Faith Must Fight

Years ago, I was extremely frustrated at the spiritual condition of the church and nation. I prayed, "Lord, many of us have faith that things can change, but nothing seems to be working!"

Through Bible reading, I soon realized that faith often involves action: "The day I pray for God to move the mountain, I often wake up next to a shovel" – Anonymous.

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By faith, Abel offered a right sacrifice. By faith, Noah built the ark and saved his family. By faith, Abram obeyed God and left his country to pursue God's promise (Heb. 11). And it continues—faith obeys God.

Faith Must Fight to Ignite

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I'm not talking about physical warfare but spiritual warfare. The same gospel that brings peace with God brings a battle with sin. We must be prayed up in order to be built up, live in the Word so we don't live in fear and worship to chase out worry.

We cannot usher in utopia while our culture continues to decline, but God calls us to fight, not flee. He calls us to step out in faith rather than run like cowards because our faith ignites faith in others.

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