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## *Fighting the Good Fight of Faith*

Happy Thanksgiving, our dear Friends!

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This month we want to continue teaching on fighting the good fight in the army of God during the times that we're living in today. But, first we want to thank you!! *"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you."* Colossians 1:3

We're beyond grateful for all of our friends and partners here in the US and overseas who believe in the vision of this Ministry. You are at the heart of everything we do here at JMM. It's all because of YOU. Your constant, fervent prayers and faithful support of this mission to reach souls around the world is so important! We are blessed by faithful partners who pray and support our virtual family church, our weekly Facebook Lives and our television programming on various networks overseas. Your support of these different platforms is vital to our work here at John Militararu Ministries because together, we are reaching many more for the Kingdom of God. We are depopulating hell and populating heaven one soul at a time!

*"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called..."*, 1 Timothy 6:12

Apostle Paul is our greatest example of fighting the good fight of faith and not giving into the flesh when we are hit with trials and tribulations. Most of us know the story of Paul. He was a prominent member of society, a Pharisee, of the tribe of Benjamin, very highly educated and kept the law of the Old Testament perfectly (Phil 3). Why did Paul immediately become attacked after he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour? Because he instantly became a threat to Satan's kingdom. Once he became sold out for Christ, he was hit by storms and shipwrecks, he was beaten, flogged, and imprisoned. Paul was even confronted with opposition from other believers over the requirements of the "law". He had a few choices here; he could have easily given in to the flesh and gone back to his old life where he had no sufferings, or chosen to live a reserved, quiet Christian life. But ultimately he continued on with his race until the very end and left behind a lasting faith legacy according to 2 Timothy 4:7-8,

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness."*

The enemy's playbook hasn't changed since Paul's time. When Christians make the quality decision to begin studying, meditating and become doers of the Word (keeping the Faith) in order to strengthen their Spirit man, the devil will escalate his attacks against them. When we are consistently growing in our faith and in our spiritual walk, we become a threat to the kingdom of darkness. We will almost always be faced with trials to challenge and strengthen our faith. Have you ever noticed that when you decide to give your tithes or offerings to the Kingdom of God, you get blindsided by the enemy out of nowhere? It could be that you are all of the sudden hit with unexpected expenses. Maybe you made a commitment to start speaking the Word over a family member or loved one and the situation seems to be getting worse than before. Or you decided to volunteer to become a leader of a small group, youth group or an intercessor and now you feel like Satan is using you as a punching bag! Rest assured that you are not doing anything wrong! You are in the battlefield fighting the good fight of faith and Satan doesn't like it. You're a threat to the kingdom of darkness. This is where most Christians give up the fight. Jesus talked about the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13. In the third set of seeds, they fell among thorns and the thorns sprang up and choked them out (Matthew 13:7). Later in the same chapter, Jesus explains what caused these seeds to get choked up,

*"Yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles."*

Jesus was referring here to the people that hear the Word and become doers of the Word, but when they're faced with any kind of tests or persecutions, they get choked up, give up and back out. They retreat off the battleground because it's just "too hard". Sadly, most people hold on for a good while until they become hopeless because they see little or no improvement in their current situation. That's why we can't lose hope! We have to continue to hold on to our faith like a bulldog until God's promises are fulfilled in our life **and** we become overcomers through Christ.

Romans 15:4, *"Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled."*

"Brother John and Sister Alexandra, how do I hold on to that bulldog faith and remain all in for Christ without wavering?" The number one, non negotiable way is by getting into the Word DAILY. No Word, no Faith (Romans 10:17). The next non negotiable way is by being in prayer and communion with the Father through the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. Lastly, you must surround yourself with like-minded Christians. Surround yourself with people who can lift you, encourage you in the Word, and pray with you. When you're surrounded by spiritually weak people, they will bring you down by agreeing with your current situation instead of lifting you up with the Word and prayer. When you're consistently in the Word and in prayer, you are staying ahead of satan's attacks and he will not catch you off guard or surprise you. These are your weapons and you must have them in your arsenal at all times!

Trails, tests and tribulations are not uncommon in a Christian's life. Jesus tells us in John 16:33,

*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

Jesus overcame the world. He was an overcomer. That means we, through Jesus and what He completed on the Cross, are also overcomers in every area (Romans 8:37)! First John 5:5 says, *"Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."*

We encourage you, our dear partners, to contact us if you need prayer in any area of your life. We are here to pray and believe God with you. We are the body of Christ and we need one another. We encourage you to remain steadfast in His promises and do not be discouraged if you're facing any kind of trials or tribulations (James 1:2-4). Doubt and fear cancels out faith! Do not allow satan to bring in any doubt or fear in your mind. We're here to pray with you if things get too hard. We are here to take authority based on the Word of God over any doubt, fear and hopelessness.

We are overcomers! We HAVE victory and will WIN every battle that satan throws our way because *we overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of our testimony* (Revelation 12:11)!

Happy Thanksgiving! We love you and God loves you!

*John and Alexandra*

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* Philippians 1:3-6