

WHEN YOUR FAITH IS IN A

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1 Timothy 6:12

12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Timothy 4:7

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

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I. For years I have worked
to get the strength to say
this: “THERE’S NOTHING
THE ENEMY CAN DO TO
STOP ME FROM
WINNING!”

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II. Let's deal with the truth. Your faith is under attack, not just by the devil but also by your past disappointments and your imagination. The voice of past pains spill over into your belief systems, causing stress, worry, anxiety and a tortured existence.

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But rest assured that your faith
is about to be increased and as
sure as you can hear my voice
please know that God did not
allow you to survive the mess
you came through to drop you
now!!!

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Deuteronomy 31:8

8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

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III. The true struggle with faith lies in two areas which many are terrified to address.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him (1) must believe that he exists and that (2) he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

(1) “must
believe that
God exists.”

Atheism -
Belief that
there is no God.

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Deism - Belief that God created the world, set it in motion, but then backed off. The god of deism does not play an active role in his world, but allows the universe to run by natural and self-sustaining laws that he established.

IV. The emphatic difference between Fighting the “Good” fight and Fighting in “Bad” Faith is that “Bad Faith” has no collateral to back up its belief.

In Alan Vincent's book
"The Good Fight of
Faith" he writes
referencing Hebrews
11:1.

“This definition begins with a simple declaration, ‘Now faith is...’ Faith can never be spoken of in the future tense. It is always in the present tense. It functions in the present tense, but it is based upon something that has already happened and was completed in the past.”

Mark 11:24 (AMP)

24 For this reason I am telling you, whatever things you ask for in prayer [in accordancy with God's will], believe [with confident trust] that you have received them, and they will be given to you.

VI. In other words the moment you speak faith in accordance with Mark 11:24, it is not something that is going to happen because that would be hope. Faith when spoken must mean it has already happened and is done. It is no longer a belief but the confidence is so strong that it's now **YOUR HISTORY!!!**

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Hebrews 11:1 is the
Greek word *elegchos*,
which means “evidence
or convincing proof.”

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VII. When you have
FAITH FOR
SOMETHING IN GOD'S
WILL this is what drops
into your hands.

Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)

11 Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].



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(2) he rewards
those who
earnestly seek him.

How do I know I'm
qualified to receive
the reward of my
FAITH?

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