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“Faith & Fervency”

“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” (1 John 5:4)

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Judges 5:2, 9, 13-18 – (2) “That the leaders took the lead in Israel, that the people offered themselves willingly, bless the LORD! (9) My heart goes out to the commanders of Israel who offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless the LORD. (13) Then down marched the remnant of the noble; the people of the LORD marched down for me against the mighty. (14) From Ephraim their root they marched down into the valley, following you, Benjamin, with your kinsmen; from Machir marched down the commanders, and from Zebulun those who bear the lieutenant’s staff; (15) the princes of Issachar came with Deborah, and Issachar faithful to Barak; into the valley they rushed at his heels. Among the clans of Reuben there were great searchings of heart. (16) Why did you sit still among the sheepfolds, to hear the whistling for the flocks? Among the clans of Reuben there were great searchings of heart. (17) Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan; and Dan, why did he stay with the ships? Asher sat still at the coast of the sea, staying by his landings. (18) Zebulun is a people who risked their lives to the death; Naphtali, too, on the heights of the field.”

2 Timothy 4:10-11 – (10) “For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. (11) Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.”

Fanning into Flame One’s Faith

2 Timothy 1:5-8 – (5) “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. (6) For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, (7) for God gave us a spirit not of fear (*timidity*) but of power and love and self-control. (8) Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,”

1 Samuel 30:3-8 – (3) “And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. (4) Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep. (5) David’s two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. (6) And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. **But David strengthened (seized, fastened, repaired, to play the man, recovered) himself in the LORD his God.** (7) And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, ‘Bring me the ephod.’ So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. (8) And David inquired of the LORD, ‘Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?’ He answered him, ‘Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue.’”

Fervency Factors:

(1) Resolution

Isaiah 50:7 – “But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; **therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.**”

Revelation 2:10 – “Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. **Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.**”

(2) Daily Dedication

2 Corinthians 6:2 – “For he says, ‘In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

Acts 18:24-25 – (24) “Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. (25) He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. **And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John.**”

(3) Keep the End in Mind

Luke 22:28-29 – (28) “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, (29) and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom,”

Matthew 25:21 – “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. **You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.**”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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