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## **“Faith & Fortitude”**

**“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)**

### **Conqueror’s Confidence**

**Psalm 60:12** – “With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.”

**Psalm 18:28-29** – (28) “For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness. (29) For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.”

**Romans 8:36-37** – (36) “As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.’ (37) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

### **Fortitude Fissures**

#### **(1) Failure to Listen to God**

**Leviticus 26:7-8, 14-17** – (7) “You shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. (8) Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand, and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. (14) But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments, (15) if you spurn my statutes, and if your soul abhors my rules, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant,(16) then I will do this to you: I will visit you with panic, with wasting disease and fever that consume the eyes and make the heart ache. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. (17) I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down before your enemies. Those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when none pursues you.”

#### **(2) Misplaced Faith**

**2 Chronicles 16:1-3, 7-9** – (1) “In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might permit no one to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. (2) Then Asa took silver and gold from the treasures of the house of the LORD and the king’s house and sent them to

Ben-hadad king of Syria, who lived in Damascus, saying, (3) ‘There is a covenant between me and you, as there was between my father and your father. Behold, I am sending to you silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha king of Israel, that he may withdraw from me.’ (7) At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, ‘Because you relied on the king of Syria, and did not rely on the LORD your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you. (8) Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the LORD, he gave them into your hand. (9) For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.’”

## **Fostering Fortitude**

### **(1) Promissory Frequency**

**2 Peter 1:3-4** – (3) “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,(4) by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

**2 Timothy 1:12** – “That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.” (NLT)

### **(2) Healthy Friendship(s)**

**1 Samuel 23:15-16** – (15) “David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. (16) And Jonathan, Saul’s son, rose and went to David at Horesh, **and strengthened his hand in God.**”

**“Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.”**

**(Hebrews 10:35-36)**

**“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom”**

**(Luke 22:28-29)**

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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