

“SPIRITUAL WARFARE: NOWHERE TO RUN, pt.1”

I. The “ONE” thing that keeps you from Standing

- *Confidence in the Faith* – We have all the blessings, but we have little confidence

Joshua 1:2–7 . . . *“Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.”*

II. The “EXTRA” things needed for our Faith

“Our Vulnerability is NOT in what we have, but in what we LACK”

John 3:3–5 . . . *Jesus answered and said to him, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot “SEE” the kingdom of God.**” 4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he “ENTER” a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot “ENTER” the kingdom of God.**”*

2 Peter 1:2–11 . . . *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the KNOWLEDGE of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power “has given” to us ALL THINGS that pertain to life and godliness, “through the KNOWLEDGE of Him” who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which “have been given” to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that “through these” you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, “ADD to your faith” **Virtue**, to virtue **Knowledge**, 6 to knowledge **Self-Control**, to self-control **Perseverance**, to perseverance **Godliness**, 7 to godliness **Brotherly Kindness**, and to brotherly kindness **Love**. 8 For “if” THESE THINGS are yours “and ABOUND,” you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord*

Jesus Christ. 9 For he who “lacks THESE THINGS” is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has FORGOTTEN that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be even MORE DILIGENT to make your call and election sure, for “if you do THESE THINGS” you will “NEVER STUMBLE;” 11 for so “an ENTRANCE” will be supplied to you ABUNDANTLY into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

III. The identity of the three “Fields Of Battle”

Ephesians 2:1–3 . . . And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

- 1. THE WORLD – the System around us that is opposed to God, that caters to “the LUST of the flesh, and the LUST of the eyes, and the PRIDE of life”**

1 John 2:16 . . . For all that is in the world—the LUST of the flesh, the LUST of the eyes, and the PRIDE of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

- 2. THE DEVIL – Satan himself and all of his fallen angels**

1 Peter 5:8 . . . Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Revelation 12:7–9 . . . And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

- 3. THE FLESH – the old nature that we inherited from Adam, a nature that is opposed to God and operates solely in the Physical Realm.**

Genesis 3:6 . . . So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree DESIRABLE to make one WISE, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Ecclesiastes 2:1 & 10 . . . I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure”; but surely, this also was vanity. . . 10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; and this was my reward from all my labor.