



Quiet Time #10 Enemies of Faith

Scriptures:

- A. Doubt = Matthew 14:25-31
- B. Disobedience = John 7:16-17
- C. Discouragement = II Corinthians 4:1-6, 16-18
- D. Dullness = I Corinthians 3:14
- E. Dishonoring God = Romans 1:21-22

Summary & Lessons:

All of the above are obstacles we must deal with in obtaining faith, and they are also enemies to our faith which we must continually battle against to avoid them taking hold of our hearts.

Doubts about God, about ourselves, about those God put in our lives about the outcome of the struggles we go through and about many other things that come into our minds continually can rob us of our faith. Life can easily create doubt in our minds. We hurt because we aren't as pretty, wealthy, talented as others, people don't notice us like we would like for them to, etc... Often when we have feelings like this it can lead to blaming God for these hurts. Don't fall into this trap! Discouragement, losing heart, can completely disarm us in the spiritual battle. What good is an army with no moral? Always look to God's perfect and unwavering love in times of discouragement. Dullness of heart can cause us to lose faith and try to "just get by." Imagine if Jesus would have settled with "just getting by." We dishonor God by not being thankful and grateful, by hypocrisy, and by laziness.

We need to see these enemies of our faith as mortal enemies that will kill us if not dealt with. What do we do to overcome these enemies of faith in our spiritual battle? Imitate you Commander-in-Chief, Jesus. Fight doubt with confidence, discouragement with hope, dullness with zeal, disobedience with humility, and dishonor with submission. Fight the fight of faith and become warriors for God.

Personal Application:

1. What are my motivations for being an obedient follow of Christ?
 2. How can I become more deeply in love with Christ and mindful of Him throughout my day?
2. How does Satan attempt to rob me of my joy and courage?

Take it to God:

1. Praise God for the love He has for you shown in his Son dying on the cross.
3. Ask God to increase your love for Him and your consciousness of Him throughout the day.
4. Thank God for giving us the Word, the fellowship and prayer to overcome every enemy of faith.