



WEEK 10: FIGHTING FOR THE GOSPEL.

1 TIMOTHY 6:11-21

As Paul brings his first letter to Timothy to a close, he reminds Timothy that this life will feel like—and is—a battle. We are not to run after our own glorification, but to flee those things and pursue righteousness. Paul wants Timothy to see the difference between a Gospel culture and a religious culture. While we have peace with God because of the Gospel, our lives are currently in the midst of a battle.

God has declared us to be righteous in Christ, and our fight is to lay hold of that in our hearts and minds as we walk with Jesus. We fight to realize tangibly what Christ has already done. The fight of faith is to believe the Gospel and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, be conformed to Christ. The word for “fight” in the text is where we get our word for agony, meaning our lives will not always be easy. It is a struggle to remember what God has said; to grasp the truth He has given us.

Our struggles are real, but God’s assurance is true. God adopts us into His family and our position is secure as we still pray not to give ourselves over to worry, pride, or ourselves. We should fight to see Jesus as our life’s ultimate treasure, with the conviction that nothing can replace Him in our heart. God is worth it all.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why is it important to understand our life with Christ as an ongoing battle?
- How are you currently fighting “the good fight of the faith” in this season?
- Where do you feel discouraged or overwhelmed? Where do you feel empowered?
- How can our community encourage and strengthen one another as we press forward?
- What truths of the Gospel do you wish would take root in your heart and life day-to-day?
- What is the main encouragement you have taken away from 1 Timothy?

TODAY’S VERSES:

1 Timothy 6:11-21
Ephesians 4:24
Matthew 24:13
1 Timothy 1:18
Ephesians 2:1
1 Peter 2:11

2 Timothy 2:3
Ephesians 6
Revelation 2:10
James 1:12
John 6:67-69