

**The Christian Center
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How to Live Mentally What You Are Spiritually!

As a pastor, I have dealt with a lot of people that are Christians that live in guilt almost constantly. Their Christian life is not a life of freedom, but it is a life of misery. I have tried to help them with many Scripture verses that talk about their freedom, but seemingly they can't get free. In this Newsletter, I will be giving you the reason why.

I believe that we, as human beings, have been trained to trust our feelings instead of God's Word. If this doesn't stop, the devil will always control us. I learned this a few years into my Christian life. The Word of God has to be the final authority in my life. When I feel different than what the Word of God says, I must take God's Word over my feelings every time. I'm going to be showing you how Jesus defeated the devil in these next few verses; let's dive in.

Matthew 4:1-11 KJV Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. [2] And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungred. [3] And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. [4] But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall

not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. [5] Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, [6] And saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee: and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. [7] Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. [8] Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; [9] And saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me. [10] Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. [11] Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.

Jesus defeated the devil by calmly saying, “It is written”. We must have Scriptures ready to speak to the devil when our feelings are telling us something that doesn’t line up with God’s Word.

Over these many years of ministry, I’ve been highly emotional at times. Really the fear of failing was trying to rule me, and it got to a point at times that I couldn’t sleep. Well, I’ve learned since then that the devil and demons always win against me when I don’t fight my fearful feelings with the Word of God.

God wants me to be courageous; the devil wants me to be fearful. The Word of God has all the courage I need in it, so I take God's Word and declare it until my feelings line up with the Word. Let's look in the Old Testament when David killed the giant that was terrorizing Israel.

1 Samuel 17:32-37,41-52 KJV And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. [33] And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. [34] And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: [35] And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. [36] Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. [37] David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

[41] And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. [42] And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he despised him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

[43] And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. [44] And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. [45] Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the Name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. [46] This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. [47] And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands. [48] And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. [49] And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. [50] So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. [51] Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

[52] And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

David wasn't even born again, but he believed the Word of God and destroyed the giant that had the whole nation of Israel bound in fear. We must become fearless in the days ahead. We must not trust our feelings over what God's Word says. I will end this Newsletter with these Scriptures.

Romans 8:35-39 KJV Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? [36] As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. [37] Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. [38] For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, [39] Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Revelation chapter 1
Tuesday	Revelation chapter 2
Wednesday	Revelation chapter 3
Thursday	Revelation chapter 4
Friday	Revelation chapter 5
Saturday	Revelation chapter 6
Sunday	Revelation chapter 7

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